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VOP: 'ARAFAT RECEIVES AL-QADHDHAFI ENVOY, MESSAGE

NC221600 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 1515 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Brother leader Abu 'Ammar has received the Libyan president's [as heard] envoy, Lt Col Ahmad. The meeting was also attended by the director of the PLO Bureau in the Libyan Jamahiriyah. Our correspondent has learned that the Libyan envoy has handed brother Abu 'Ammar a message from Colonel al-Qadhdhafi affirming the Libyan Jamahiriyah's support for the Lebanese and Palestinian peoples in view of the Zionist military arrogance in southern Lebanon. Brother Abu 'Ammar, on his part, handed an important message to the Libyan envoy who will convey it to president [as heard] Al-Qadhdhafi. The message deals with the situation in the area and expresses Abu 'Ammar's deep gratitude for the Libyan Jamahiriyah's nationalistic stance.

Further Report

JN231031 Doha QNA in Arabic 1000 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] Damascus, 23 May--It was officially announced here today that the important contacts recently held between Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi and Plo Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat were positive and fruitful. This was announced today by a responsible Palestinian source in a statement to the QNA correspondent in Damascus. The source added that these contacts will contribute to strengthening the fighting ability of the Palestinian revolution. The source said that 'Arafat has asked Lieutenant Colonel Ahmad, the Libyan leader's special envoy, to convey a message to Colonel al-Qadhdhafi in which 'Arafat explains the latest developments in the situation in southern Lebanon and the stand of the Palestinian revolution and the Lebanese nationalist forces toward the escalating Israeli attacks on Lebanon. It will be recalled that Lieutenant Colonel Ahmad had conveyed a message to Yasir 'Arafat from Colonel al-Qadhdhafi during the last 2 days. He also held talks with PLO leaders on the current situation in Lebanon.

AN-NATSHAH APPOINTED AS NEW HEBRON MAYOR

NC181640 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 1515 GMT 18 May 80

[Text] Hebron--The municipal council today appointed brother Mustafa an-Natshah as mayor in the absence of brother Fahd al-Qawasimah. It is noted here that the Zionist enemy authorities recently deported brother Fahd al-Qawasimah.

PLO SURVEY WILL COUNT PALESTINIANS IN GULF STATES

GF170734 Manama GULF MIRROR in English 17-23 May 80 p 3

[Text] Palestinians in the Gulf are to be counted by the PLO. A census will be started next month, it was revealed this week. Results will not be known for at least three months, but will be of particular interest to every Gulf state, many of whom are conducting their own national census this year. Palestinians have been especially difficult to count as they hold a variety of passports nationalities and visas given them by host countries in the past 30 years. "This will be a type of social survey to find out where the Palestinians are and what they are doing in the Gulf," said a spokesman for the PLO in Bahrain. Previous estimates have ranged from a total of 250,000 to more than 300,000. The largest Gulf community is in Kuwait, where they constitute more than 20 per cent of the population. Jordan receives remittances of more than $800 million a year from Palestinians in the Gulf, according to banking sources in Amman.

BAHRAIN

BEIRUT PAPER DESCRIBES BAHRAIN MEASURES TO COUNTER PROTESTS

NC221535 Beirut AS-SAFIR in Arabic 21 May 80 p 16

[Text] Bahrain, 20 May--Observers here consider the resumption by the authorities of strictness in dealing with manifestations of popular opposition as proof of the victory of "the hawks" over the doves in the government. The observers note a series of severe measures adopted by the authorities in confronting the popular demonstrations which were organized to protest the execution of Ayatollah Muhammad Baqir as-Sadr and his sister in Iraq. The peak of these measures was the death of Jamil al-'Arawi under torture on 10 May.

Al-'Arawi was arrested along with several others following demonstrations which began 24 April in response to an appeal by Ayatollah Khomeyni to world Shi'ites to mourn the execution of Ayatollah as-Sadr.

Local Shi'ite religious leaders called for a demonstration for this purpose on 24 April opposite the Iraqi commercial center in the center of the capital, but the police intercepted the peaceful demonstration with tear gas, clubs and whips. The masses answered by hurling stones. The government was forced to seek the assistance of the "antiriot squads," but "some elements" set fire to the Iraqi commercial center and destroyed the front of the nearby Bank of Cairo. The demonstrators were dispersed after 50 participants were arrested.

The following day demonstrations broke out in (Al-Qurba) area, the popular seat of the Shi'ite adherents. However, "the anti-riot squad" cut off the roads to the capital and vehicles carrying government officials were only allowed to pass after a thorough check.

Meanwhile, intelligence men under the command of British Col (Ian Henderson) were raiding the homes of some religious dignitaries and opposition leaders.

In spite of the preparations adopted by the security authorities, the rally called for by the Islamic Society opposite its headquarters in Ad-Diraz was large. The "antiriot squad" intervened to disperse the rally by using methods similar to those used against the demonstrations. A clash ensued between the forces and the people of the village and of neighboring villages. Three police vehicles were set on fire.

Similar incidents broke out in the capital the same day, and a curfew was imposed from 1800 until 0600. The police cordoned off Al-Mukhariqah and Al-Hammam quarters, which are close to the commercial area.

After calm was restored on 28 April, the police continued to raid the homes of citizens, arresting several people who were detained for not more than 4 days. Nevertheless, the return to detention recalls a similar campaign last February and March when more than 60 citizens were detained.

Observers here believe that the government's resumption of a hard line means that it is no longer considering the restoration of parliamentary life. Bahraini officials previously stressed their intention to restore parliamentary life as a part of a Gulf movement aimed at "consolidating the domestic front" and at securing stability in the area, particularly following the Mecca mosque incidents and the movements in the eastern region of Saudi Arabia last November and February.

Such expectations were supported by statements on allowing trade union activity and by the government's discussion of this subject with the Arab Federation of Trade Unions, which sent a delegation to Bahrain led by its secretary general to demand the release of detained trade unionists and the recognition of trade union rights.

Well-informed sources here point out that two divergent trends exist in the government on how to confront the national opposition. One stresses the continued use of force. This trend is supported by Prime Minister Shaykh Khalifah ibn Salman Al Khalifah (the ruler's brother) and Colonel (Henderson), who is in charge of intelligence.

The other trend believes that the opposition can be contained and defeated by carrying out several political reforms, such as restoring political life and freeing political detainees. This trend is led by Shaykh Muhammad ibn 'Isa Al Khalifah, the heir apparent and minister of defense.

KUWAIT

FOREIGN MINISTER HOME FROM ISLAMABAD, COMMENTS ON CONFERENCE

LD221326 Kuwait KUNA in English 1010 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Kuwait, May 22 (KUNA)--Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Shaykh Sabah al-Ahmad Thursday called for implementation of resolutions adopted by the 11th Islamic foreign ministers' conference in Islamabad to demonstrate Muslim solidarity and unity in practical terms. Shaykh Sabah expressed satisfaction with practical and informational resolutions adopted by the conference on Palestine and Jerusalem.

The minister returned here from Islamabad early this morning. He told newsmen that the agenda of the conference was rich with a variety of subjects relating to political, economic, financial and cultural issues. He added that the conference gave due attention to the Afghanistan issue and other matters of mutual interest, but he added we all shoulder the responsibility of abiding by the conference resolutions and of working for their implementation.

MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT HAYDALA VISITS 21-22 MAY

Report on Arrival

LD211346 Kuwait Domestic Service in Arabic 1000 GMT 21 May 80

[Summary] Mauritanian President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haydala arrived in Kuwait at 1130 today for a 2-day visit. He is accompanied by a number of ministers and advisers and also an information delegation. The amir is to give a dinner in honor of the guest this evening.

Press Statement

LD221312 Kuwait KUNA in English 1122 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Kuwait, May 22 (KUNA)--Kuwait and Mauritania Thursday called for strict implementation of the resolution of Arab summit conferences to enable the Palestinian people to restore their rights in their homeland.

This came in the following press statement on the visit to Kuwait by the Mauritanian president which ended today. The communique said:

Official talks between the Mauritanian President Mohammed Khouna Ould Haydala and his highness the amir, in which a number of officials from the two sides took part were held in a cordial atmosphere. The two sides discussed bilateral relations between Kuwait and Mauritania as well as Arab and world issues of common interest.

The two sides noted with satisfaction the increasing development in bilateral cooperation, and they expressed determination to pursue development of these relations in all fields.

They also reviewed most important Arab and world issues, mainly the recent developments in the Palestine problem. They affirmed anew their determination to support joint Arab (?action) and stressed the significance of complete implementation of the resolutions of the Arab summit conference, especially those of Baghdad and Tunisia, in order to confront all fateful challenges and to enable the Palestinian people to restore their rights in their native land.

The two sides also stressed the importance of strengthening Arab solidarity and shelving inter-Arab differences to confront fateful common issues. They also expressed satisfaction over the good results of the visit and stressed the importance of continuing meetings between officials of the two countries.

His Excellency President Ould Haydala expressed his thanks for the welcome and hospitality accorded him and the accompanying delegation during the visit. He also extended an invitation to his highness the amir to visit Mauritania. The invitation was accepted and its timing will be fixed later.

Report on Departure

LD221310 Kuwait KUNA in Arabic 0733 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] Kuwait--Mauritanian President Mohamed Khouna Ould Haydala left Kuwait today at the end of his 1-day visit during which he conducted talks on bilateral relations and ways of developing them.

AL-WATAN COMMENTS ON MONDALE CALL FOR CRITICISM OF USSR

LD220845 Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic 19 May 80 p 10

['Izz ad-Din at-Tantawi's "Arab Horizons" column: "Mondale and Middle East Peace")

[Text] U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale has stated that it is better for the critics of American policy in the Middle East to direct their criticism at the Soviet Union which has invaded Afghanistan and which is playing games in Iran and trying to undermine the chances for the establishment of peace in the Middle East.

If we are to concede for the sake of argument that the Soviet Union is actually to blame for what Mondale has attributed to it, is Moscow thus playing a role it is not expected to play in its capacity as a major power seeking to win its share of influence in the Middle East?

Is the Soviet Union to blame if it tries to foment trouble in the Middle East when it sees the United States seeking sole domination of the area?

If Mondale truly cares for peace in the Middle East, does he recall that the destruction of the chances for the establishment of peace in this area was not carried out by the Soviet Union when it invaded Afghanistan and that this destruction did not start with the eruption of the revolution and unrest in Iran but dates back to over 30 years ago when the illegitimate state of Israel was established on the land of Palestine through usurpation and oppression.

The Soviet Union was isolated from the international game behind the Iron Curtain and unable to get access to any field of conflict until it entered the Middle East through Israel. Czechoslovak planes were the vanguard of the Israeli Air Force in the summer of 1948 and marked the beginning of Soviet infiltration of the Arab area when Moscow, after Washington, hastened to recognize the establishment of Israel.

With the continued presence of Israel for whose protection Truman and Stalin competed at the beginning and whose cancerous entity was eventually adopted solely by the United States, the one and only most serious danger threatening the Middle East and preventing the return of peace is the Israeli presence in Palestine and the consequent collapse of the area's pillars and entities and increase in the possibilities of explosion in the area.

When Mondale asks us to direct our criticisms at those who are trying to destroy the chances for the establishment of peace in the Middle East, it is supposed that he realizes that the criticism will inevitably rebound on the White House and its policy, which has destroyed peace in the Middle East and planted in the Arab land a cancer which is threatening the peoples of the Middle East. Washington does not want to retreat from this behavior, which is the only source of anxiety and trouble and which has really destroyed the chances for the establishment of peace in the Middle East.

OMAN

U.S. AMBASSADOR HABIB LEAVES MUSCAT 23 MAY

JN230905 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0820 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] Muscat, 23 May--U.S. roving Ambassador Philip Habib left Muscat this morning after a visit to the Sultanate of Oman during which he met with His Majesty Sultan Qabus ibn Sa'id of Oman. During the visit, the U.S. roving ambassador held talks with Omani officials on developments in the situation in the Middle East and issues of common interest.

YAR FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MUSCAT 23 MAY

JN230910 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0810 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] Muscat, 23 May--YAR Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Minister Dr Hasan Makki left Muscat this morning after a visit of several hours to Oman.

The reason behind Makki's visit was not known. Makki was received and seen off by Mal Allah Habib, chief of the Political Affairs Department in the Omani Foreign Ministry.

QATAR

MINISTER OF STATE RETURNS FROM ISLAMABAD 22 MAY

JN221554 Doha QNA in Arabic 1540 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] Doha, 22 May--Qatari Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Shaykh Ahmad ibn Sayf Al Thani returned here from Islamabad today after participating in the Islamic foreign ministers conference, which ended its meeting there this morning.

OIL MINISTER LEAVES FOR VIENNA OPEC MEETING 23 MAY

JN230904 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0840 GMT 23 May 80

[Excerpt] Doha, 23 May--Qatari Finance and Oil Minister Shaykh 'Abd al-'Aziz ibn Khalifah Al Thani left Doha for Vienna this morning to attend the OPEC finance ministers meetings which will be held there on Tuesday.

SAUDI ARABIA

FOREIGN MINISTER, LIBYA'S AT-TURAYKI RETURN FROM ISLAMABAD

LD222324 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 2230 GMT 22 May 80

[Summary] Foreign Minister Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal returned to Riyadh from Islamabad where he led the Saudi delegation to the Islamic foreign ministers conference. Libyan Foreign Secretary 'Ali 'abd as-Salam at-Turayki also arrived with Prince Sa'ud al-Faysal.

SPA CITES ISLAMIC WORLD LEAGUE LEADER ON ISLAMABAD TALKS

LD222210 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 2015 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Jiddah, 22 May--The secretary general of the Islamic World League, Shaykh Muhammad 'Ali al-Harkan, returned to Jiddah today from Islamabad after leading the delegation of the Islamic World League to the meetings of the 11th session of the conference of the foreign ministers of the Islamic states which concluded its work there.

Shaykh al-Harkan described this session as one of the most important ever held by the Islamic states foreign ministers, because well over 100 Islamic issues were debated at this session.

In a statement he made on his return to Jiddah, he said that the treacherous Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Palestinian issue and the issue of Jerusalem were among the most important issues raised at the conference, preoccupying a great part of its work. In this connection, he referred to the Camp David agreement and its hostile effect on the Palestinian people's rights and on the [word indistinct] status of the Muslims, in addition to the fact that the agreement has not so far provided anything positive in favor of the Palestinian people. Also, the Israeli enemy still defies the Islamic nation and world public opinion.

Shaykh al-Harkan appealed to all Muslims to extend help and aid to their brother Afghan refugees and their brother refugees in Somalia, Chad and Uganda. He said that from what he perceived at the conference, it has become obligatory on the Islamic World League to speed up the convening of the first international conference on Islamic information scheduled to be held in Jakarta.

He noted that coordination exists between the Islamic World League, the Islamic Congress Organization and the Indonesian Government. He explained that the anti-Islamic media have warranted the speeding up of an information plan by the Islamic states to answer these campaigns and make the call of Islam heard everywhere. The secretary general of the Islamic World League voiced his thanks and appreciation in the name of the league to the government and people of Pakistan for the care they accorded to the conference and the hospitality they extended to the participants in the conference.

UAE

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DECIDES TO ATTEND MOSCOW OLYMPICS

JN221548 Doha QNA in Arabic 1535 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] Abu Dhabi, 22 May--The UAE has decided to participate in the Moscow Olympic Games to be held in Moscow this summer. Announcing this, UAE Olympic Committee President Sultan Saqr as-Suwaydi said that the committee will choose two athletes from each local sports federation to attend the international conferences that will be held in Moscow during the Olympic Games.

MINISTER RETURNS FROM ISLAMABAD CONFERENCE 22 MAY

JN220739 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0515 GMT 23 May 80

[Excerpt] Abu Dhabi, 22 May--UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid 'Abdallah has asserted that the resolutions of the Islamic foreign ministers conference came to express the strength of the Islamic solidarity and the depth of the strong bond of Islam which unifies the Muslim world. In a statement upon his return from Islamabad today after attending the 11th conference of the Islamic foreign ministers which was held there, Rashid 'Abdallah said that the resolutions touched on all aspects of Islamic political, economic and social values.

GAS PRICE TO RISE BY 35 CENTS EFFECTIVE 1 MAY

JN230656 Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in Arabic 0630 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] Abu Dhabi, 23 May--Press reports published here today say that the UAE has decided to raise the price of its exportable gas by 35 cents per thermal unit effective 1 May. The new price of natural gas will thus become $5.75 per unit. The newspaper AL-ITTIHAD further reports that this increase came after UAE Petroleum and Natural Resources Minister Dr Mani' Sa'id al-'Utaybah announced an oil price increase of $2 per barrel. The increase in the gas price is in implementation of the UAE's oil policy of linking the price of natural gas with that of oil.

PDRY

'ALI NASIR MUHAMMAD MEETS WITH SOVIET ENVOY 22 MAY

LD221538 Aden Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] Brother 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, secretary general of the Yemeni Socialist Party Central Committee, chairman of the Presidium of the Peoples Supreme Council and prime minister, this morning received Comrade Feliz Fedotov, Soviet ambassador to the PDRY. At the meeting bilateral cooperation between the two friendly countries, particularly trade exchange, was assessed. The meeting was attended by the Soviet commercial attache in Aden.

JORDAN PAPER SAYS CURFEW SET ON SOVIETS IN ADEN

JN220846 Amman AR-RA'Y in Arabic 22 May 80 p 15

[Text] Aden--The security authorities have imposed a curfew on Soviet subjects in Aden. In accordance with this curfew, all Soviet civilian and military subjects are banned from moving about the city after 1700.

This step was taken following the deterioration of relations between Aden and Moscow in the wake of the changes which brought President 'Ali Nasir Muhammad to power.

Official sources in Aden say that President 'Ali Nasir Muhammad will visit Moscow this month in an attempt to learn the true intentions of the Soviet Union toward his government. 'Ali Nasir Muhammad is now trying not to widen the dispute with Moscow while, at the same time, seeking to entrench the base of his rule internally.

YSP SECRETARY VOICES SUPPORT FOR CUBA AGAINST U.S.

ID221906 Aden Domestic Service in Arabic 1630 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] Brother 'Abd al-Aziz 'Abd al-Wali, Politburo member and Yemeni Socialist Party Central Committee secretary, has stressed Democratic Yemen's full and principled solidarity with revolutionary Cuba and its condemnation of the suspicious provocative acts perpetrated by Washington.

Speaking to the Cuban ambassador in Aden this morning, Brother 'Abd al-Aziz 'Abd al-Wali hailed the prominent role of the Cuban revolution, led by the Cuban Communist Party, in confronting the machinations of U.S. imperialism and its attempts to mount provocative military maneuvers against Cuba and aggravate the situation in the Caribbean Sea.

Brother 'Abd al-Aziz 'Abd al-Wali discussed with the Cuban ambassador the expansion of bilateral cooperation between the two friendly countries, particularly in the economic sphere. The results of Brother 'Abd al-Aziz 'Abd al-Wali's visit to Cuba were also reviewed.

YAR

FOREIGN MINISTER RETURNS FROM ISLAMABAD CONFERENCE 23 MAY

JN231013 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1005 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] San'a', 23 May--YAR Deputy Prime Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Minister Dr Hasan Makki returned here today after heading the Yemeni delegation to the Islamic foreign ministers conference which ended in Islamabad yesterday.

Dr Makki said that the results of the conference express the aspirations of the Islamic peoples for solidarity, joint action and the strengthening of economic and cultural ties.

PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY RETURNS FROM PDRY 20 MAY

JN202108 San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic 20 May 80

[Text] This evening Brother Col 'Ali 'Abdullah Salih, president of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces, received Lt Col Husayn ad-Daf'i, presidential adviser for unity affairs, who conveyed to the brother president a verbal message from his brother president 'Ali Nasir Muhammad.

[Brother ad-Daf'i returned to San'a' from Aden today.]

In a statement before leaving Aden, Brother ad-Daf'i said that his meeting with Brother 'Ali Nasir Muhammad was fruitful and dealt with issues of interest to the two parts of the homeland, Arab and international issues and the bilateral economic agreement signed during Prime Minister 'Abd al-Ghani's visit to the southern part of the homeland.

Brother ad-Daf'i added: The two parts of the homeland have begun to formulate practical measures in light of the Aden and San'a' declarations.

PRESIDENT RECEIVES PLO ENVOY 22 MAY, MAKES DONATION

JN221804 San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Brother Col 'Ali 'Abdallah Salih, president of the republic and commander in chief of the armed forces, received Munib Sa'id, PLO charge d'affaires in San'a', in his office at 1100 today.

Discussion during the meeting dealt with the week of solidarity with the Palestinian people's struggle. Sa'id conveyed greetings and best wishes to the brother leader from his brother Yasir 'Arafat, PLO Executive Committee chairman, along with 'Arafat's appreciation for the fact that he sponsored the week of solidarity with the Palestinian people's struggle and for the success achieved under the brother leader's sponsorship.

The brother president stressed the support of the YAR people and government for the Palestinian people's struggle and the YAR's participation, with all of its moral and material potential, in support of the Palestinian cause until victory is achieved. President Salih called on the fraternal Arab countries to achieve further solidarity and cohesion and to combine their Arab potentials in confronting the vicious Zionist onslaught, the dangers threatening the Palestinian Arab cause and Israel's aggressive acts in southern Lebanon.

On this occasion, President Salih presented a check for 225,000 rials to the brother PLO charge d'affaires. President Salih also announced that the sum of 3 million rials, the entire amount collected as donations from government, armed forces and public security employees, will be transferred to the PLO's account.

At the end of the meeting, the PLO charge d'affaires expressed thanks from the PLO and Palestinian people to the brother president for the concern given to the PLO office and to the brother Palestinians.

The meeting was attended by brothers Col 'Abdallah al-Anifi, deputy chief of staff for financial and administrative affairs; Ahmad Haydar, Interior Ministry under secretary; and 'Abd al-Hamid al-Haddi, under secretary of the Ministry of Supply and Trade and Constituent People's Assembly member.

EGYPT TO SET AUTONOMY TALKS STAND AFTER MUBARAK-CARTER TALKS

NC221316 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The radio correspondent has learned that Egypt will define its stand on the autonomy talks in the light of the results of the talks Vice President Muhammad Husni Mubarak will hold with U.S. President Jimmy Carter and senior U.S. officials and in the light of the message from President as-Sadat which Mubarak will deliver to Carter. The message contains the Egyptian view on the autonomy talks, the reasons which prompted Egypt to halt the talks and new Egyptian proposals aimed at giving impetus to the talks. National Democratic Party deputy leader Dr Mustafa Khalil, who is currently in Washington, is scheduled to join the talks which Husni Mubarak will be holding with officials in Washington.

UK PAPER: CARTER SEEKING SUMMIT ON AUTONOMY TALKS

LD230931 London ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT in Arabic 22 May 80 p 1

[ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT report: "Carter Decides To Call For a New Tripartite Summit; Egyptian-Israeli Negotiations Extended 6 Months; Pressures on Europe To Defer Its Initiative"]

[Excerpts] Washington, Cairo--It was learned in Washington yesterday that President Jimmy Carter has decided to call for a new tripartite summit between Egypt, the United States and Israel at the beginning of next month.

Sources have stated that the final date for the meeting between Carter, Anwar as-Sadat and Menahem Begin will be announced in the next few days after the receipt of Cairo's and Tel Aviv's replies to the American president's letter.

ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT has learned that President Carter's administration is very pessimistic about the prospects of achieving any progress on the autonomy negotiations. Nor does the administration believe that the tripartite summit will be able to iron out the differences. Therefore, it is seeking a new effort that will continue after the American presidential elections.

The sources believe that U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie is likely to visit Egypt and Israel to persuade them to ease their campaigns and to give the negotiations a chance.

It has been learned that an agreement in principle has been reached between Cairo, and Washington and Tel Aviv to extend the autonomy negotiations for 6 months starting from 26 May, the deadline set earlier for the negotiations.

'ALI MEETS SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO 22 MAY

NC221241 Cairo MENA in Arabic 1235 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Cairo, 22 May--At 1300 today, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali met with Soviet Ambassador in Cairo Vladimir Polyakov. The meeting lasted 25 minutes.

After the meeting Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kamal Hasan 'Ali told MENA that the meeting was held at the request of the ambassador who gave him a message for President Anwar as-Sadat from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, expressing congratulations on Africa Day. The deputy prime minister added that during the meeting they reviewed bilateral relations between the two countries as well as the situation in Afghanistan.

The Soviet ambassador said that the meeting was useful and important. Asked if the question of Afghanistan came up during the discussion, he said: We discussed it in passing. Asked if they discussed developments in the Middle East, he said: We discussed all matters. Answering a question about the atmosphere of the meeting, the ambassador said that it was good and that it was held at his own request.

WHEAT, FLOUR PROTOCOL SIGNED WITH U.S. 22 MAY

NC221406 Cairo MENA in English 1250 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Cairo, May 22 (MENA)--Egypt and the United States today signed a cooperation protocol under which the U.S. is to provide Egypt with one million and a half tons of wheat and flour by the end of next September. The protocol is a part of a U.S. loan to Egypt to be reimbursed over forty years with the ten years period of grace. Under the protocol, also, the U.S. is to extend a 14 million dollar loan to Egypt, bringing the total sum of the loan to 257,200,000 dollars.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT POLL RESULTS ANNOUNCED 23 MAY

NC231300 Cairo Domestic Service in Arabic 1230 GMT 23 May 80

[Excerpt] President Muhammad Anwar as-Sadat today performed Friday prayers at his village in Mit Abu al-Kawm, Al-Minufiyah Governorate. Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Muhammad Nabawi Isma'il, Al-Minufiyah Governor Mahrus Abu Husayn, the governorate's political, popular and executive leaders and a large crowd from Mit Abu al-Kawm Village and nearby villages joined in the prayers with the president.

After the Friday prayers, his excellency the president went to worksites in Mit Abu al-Kawm Village where he distributed the third installment of title deeds to the new houses in the village. He then inaugurated the new branch of the fish marketing establishment. After this, Muhammad Nabawi Isma'il announced the results of the referendum on the new constitutional amendments before President Muhammad Anwar as-Sadat. The results are as follows:

Number of voters called to express an opinion, all persons whose names are listed in the election records: 12,830,462. Number of those who attended and participated in the referendum: 10,467,442 voters. Number of valid votes: 10,447,712. Number of invalid votes: 19,730. Number of votes in favor: 10,339,055. Number of votes against, 108,657. Percentage of those present to number of voters: 86.95 percent. Percentage of those voting in favor to number of valid votes: 98.96 percent.

PHOSPHATE DEPOSIT DISCOVERED IN EASTERN DESERT

NC221245 Cairo MENA in English 1155 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] Safajah, May 22 (MENA)--A reserve of crude phosphate to the tune of 50 million tons was discovered in the eastern desert near Safajah. This was disclosed by geologist Mahmud Abu al-'Aynayn, board chairman of Misr company, which discovered the phosphate and which will be used in "al-Hamrawayn" phosphate venture. A new mine was also discovered in "Wadi ath-Thu'ban" region which will suffice local consumption for four years.

Abu al-'Aynayn said that exports of crude phosphate of "al-Hamrawayn" project valued one and a half million pounds during the first five months of 1980 in hard currency. The value of exports till the end of the year will reach three million pounds against one and a half millions last year.

TALKS HELD WITH VISITING DJIBOUTI PRIME MINISTER

JN221314 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1245 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Baghdad, 22 May--Official talks began between Iraq and Djibouti at the National Council Building at noon today. The Iraqi side to the talks was headed by Revolution Command Council member and First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yasin Ramadan while the Djibouti side to the talks was headed by Prime Minister Gourad Hamadou Barkat.

Taha Yasin Ramadan affirmed the clear pan-Arab stand which characteristics Iraq's relations with the Arab states, a stand based on principled foundations for the purpose of bolstering and strengthening these relations in the service of our Arab issues. Taha Yasin Ramadan said that continuous meetings between officials in the Arab states will serve to bring viewpoints closer and create an atmosphere of mutual understanding of all the issues pertaining to the Arab nation's struggle and aims.

The Djibouti prime minister expressed the thanks and gratitude of the Djibouti people and government for the support and backing which Iraq is giving his country. He added that our visit to Iraq will contribute to strengthening bilateral relations, particularly in the economic and technical fields.

A review was concluded of bilateral relations and ways to develop these relations in the service of the common interest of the two fraternal states.

The Djibouti prime minister arrived in Baghdad at midnight yesterday at the head of an official delegation on a visit of several days to Iraq.

Economic Cooperation Protocol Approved

JN221906 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1845 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Baghdad, 22 May--A round of technical talks was held here this evening between Iraq and Djibouti. The Iraqi side was led by Education Minister 'Abd al-Jabbar 'Abd al-Majid, while the Djibouti side was led by Industry Minister Ali Mahamed Houmed.

During the talks, the two sides approved the final formula of the protocol to be annexed to the agreement for technical and economic cooperation signed between the two fraternal countries early this year. The protocol provides for the establishment of joint economic and development projects and for Iraq's contribution in supporting the national economy and in training workers in Djibouti.

The two sides also discussed ways of strengthening economic and technical relations between the two fraternal countries, to serve the pan-Arab interests and their common objectives.

OFFICIALS MEET WITH VISITING KENYAN MINISTER 22 MAY

JN221400 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1325 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Baghdad, 22 May--Taha Yasin Ramadan, first deputy prime minister, received K.N.K. Siwott, Kenyan minister of state (president's office), and his accompanying delegation today. The two sides discussed ways of strengthening bilateral relations and relations among the nonaligned countries. The Kenyan minister arrived in Baghdad last Sunday on a visit of several days to Iraq.

Planning Minister Dr Taha Ibrahim al-'Abdallah also discussed bilateral relations with the visiting Kenyan minister.

ISLAMIC CONFERENCE DELEGATION RETURNS FROM ISLAMABAD

JN221742 Baghdad INA in Arabic 1730 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] Baghdad, 22 May--Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hamid 'Alwan returned here this evening after leading Iraq's delegation to the Islamic foreign ministers conference, which ended its work in Islamabad today.

RCC VICE CHAIRMAN TO VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA 'SOON'

JN231006 Baghdad INA in Arabic 0900 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] Baghdad, 23 May--Revolution Command Council Vice Chairman 'Izzat Ibrahim will begin an official visit to Czechoslovakia soon at the invitation of Czechoslovak Premier Lubomir Strougal. During his visit, 'Izzat Ibrahim will hold talks with Strougal and Czechoslovak officials on promoting bilateral relations. He will also exchange views on a number of international issues of common interest.

TEHRAN PAPER CITED ON ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT AGAINST MADANI

JN221245 Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic 1200 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Tehran--The Iranian paper BAMBAD has revealed that there was an assassination attempt against ex-Navy Commander Ahmad Madani last week. The paper says in a report published today and quoting statements made by Madani, that he was subjected to an assassination attempt when armed men attacked his car with light arms and bombs, thus wounding his chauffeur.

ROUNDUP OF BAGHDAD RADIO COMMENTARIES TO IRAN

NC131356 [Editorial Report] Commentaries carried by Baghdad Domestic Service in Persian during the period 7-10 May and 13 May discuss Khomeyni's policy toward the students, Kurds, and Arabs in general and Iraq in particular; the regime's support for capitalists, feudalists and imperialists; the empty promises made to the people and the deeds of the regime; the rigged elections and the second phase of elections; the deprivations faced by the people who are now entertained by being forced to participate in marches and demonstrations; and a series of comparative discussions on Islamic teachings and Khomeyni's deeds; and the chaotic economic situation.

The press review is devoted to articles appearing in ATH-THAWRAH and AL-JUMHURIYAH newspapers, all concerning the Iranian situation.

On 7 May a listener from Kerman writes: "They have appointed a president, as though we have a republic or a country that needs a leader. They have allowed a filthy person such as the coward monkey-face Khalkhali to kill the people en masse. I am addressing you, Mr Commander in Chief, [presumably Khomeyni]: Why don't you lay off? I swear to God, if you had put the country in order we would have nothing to say; but people are on the threshhold of the other world because of hunger. One leg is in this world and the other in the other. This situation can only be put in order if you are destroyed, and God willing, you will die as soon as possible. In conclusion, I want to write that turbans and not tulips have sprung from the blood of the country's youths." Another listener from West Azerbayjan says that "this bloodthirsty Khomeyni always says that those who are killed are martyrs. Why has none of these mullahs been martyred? Now these mullahs tell the wives of those killed: 'If you become our concubines, we will give you all the comforts of life; if not then you will die of hunger too'". A third listerner from Malayer complains about oppression: "In Malayer one cannot open his mouth. As soon as you say 'Fe' they say 'Farahzad', and only God knows what else." On 8 May the letters section carries a letter section entitled "Daily Incidents in Khomeyni-Stricken Iran," which cites two incidents.

The first incident concerns a man who goes to a shop and asks for some oil, after having looked everywhere. The grocer says: "Be reasonable. Where would I find shortening? If you want hashish, opium or any other drug, I can get it for you immediately. But shortening? Unfortunately, this Khomeyni and his gang have not only left no shortening anywhere, but they have extracted the oil from the people's bodies as well!" The second incident concerns a man who was attacked by guards as soon as he left a jewelery shop where he purchased a ring. After beating him up, the guards tear up his receipt of purchase and accuse him of having stolen the ring from a mosque. Then they take him to the committee where they beat him up again and finally release him but tell him to keep his mouth shut, otherwise he will be arrested on charges of being a counterrevolutionary.

On 9 May a listener from Mashhad writes: "I know a number of these guards, all of whom are extremely stupid and they deal in contraband. I asked one of them one day: 'You didn't want Khomeyni; why have you become a guard?' He replied: 'Because by becoming a guard I get a salary and on top of it I am free to smuggle without anyone stopping me.' He added that he has promised to sacrifice 10 head of sheep for the treacherous shah to return to Iran." A listener from Ferodwsiyeh writes: "If we had known that this revolution was to fall into the hands of mullahs who pretend to be Muslims, we would never have made the shah flee."

On 10 May an unidentified listener writes: "God only knows that this pseudoclergy has done things which Hitler did not do. When did electricity and water bills go as high as 5 to 12 thousand tomans? When was meat 100 tomans a kilo? When were goods as expensive as they are now? At least we had security, a full stomach and faith. What about now?" A listener from Mazandaran writes to thank Radio Baghdad for its programs and says: "I enjoy the nice music which you broadcast. Music in Iran is a sin, while the mass murders committed by these turbaned men are not a sin." Another listener from Qasr-e Shirin writes: "The people think that Islam is something which Khomeyni brought for them from abroad. They do not understand that being a Muslim or an infidel is not in Khomeyni's hands. Someone who is a Muslim is a Muslim."

GENERAL ELECTION COMMITTEE ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS

GF201546 Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic 1130 GMT 20 May 80

[Text] The higher committee supervising elections issued instructions today saying it will accept one of the following documents to identify voters at election centers: 1) an Iraqi citizenship certificate; 2) a civilian status identity card or the 1957 census card; 3) a passport; 4) a military service card; 5) a driver's license; 6) a license to carry arms; 7) an employee identity card issued by the Civilian Status General Directorate; 8) a worker's identity card issued by the same directorate; 9) a student identity card; 10) an identity card for combatting illiteracy; 11) identity cards issued by mass and professional organizations. The higher committee also decided that the ballot should have the following specific format: On the top right-hand side shall be the phrase "the Republic of Iraq, the higher committee supervising national assembly elections." In the center shall be the emblem of the Republic of Iraq. On the left-hand side shall be the phrase "Democracy is the Source of Strength of the Individual and Society"--Saddam Husayn. This will be followed by the name of the governorate and the district, the number of candidates to be elected, and an alphabetical list of the candidates for the National Assembly in the election district. Adjacent to each name will be a rectangle in which the voter will signify the candidates he chooses with a checkmark. By holding seminars and meetings the election committee and professional and mass organizations in the governorates are intensifying their efforts to explain the aspects of the laws on the National Assembly and the legislative assembly for the autonomous region and the requisites for successful election.

AL-HUSS MEETS WITH UNIFIL COMMANDER 22 MAY

NC221215 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1130 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] At 1230 today Prime Minister Dr Salim al-Huss held a meeting with UNIFIL Commander General Erskine. The meeting was attended by Erskine's political adviser, (John Hollinger), the secretary general of the Higher Defense Council, Staff Brig Gen Nabil Quraytim; and the UN official spokesman in Lebanon, Samir Sanbar. The discussion during this meeting dealt with all aspects of the situation in the south in the wake of the recent Israeli aggressions and with the UNIFIL role in the south. General Erskine also briefed Prime Minister al-Huss on the outcome of the talks he held with Israeli officials in the past few days.

VOL REPORTS PALESTINIAN CADRES ON STATE OF ALERT

NC211254 (Clandestine) Voice of Lebanon in Arabic to Lebanon 1215 GMT 21 May 80

[Text] Today, at 1345, the Palestinians instructed their cadres to consider themselves on a state of alert and to take up their assigned positions. The Palestinian command did not give any reasons for this step.

Meanwhile, clashes resumed in An-Nabatiyah today between groups of the Amal Movement and armed groups loyal to Iraq. These clashes occurred in the wake of similar clashes which took place yesterday between Amal and the Syrian nationalists who were supported by Palestinian groups. In yesterday's clashes two persons were injured--one of them seriously.

VOP: ISRAELI FORCE KIDNAPS TWO FROM SOUTH LEBANON

NC210601 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic to the Arab World 0530 GMT 21 May 80

[Text] Last night the Zionist enemy resumed its provocations and naval piracy. Zionist gunboats cruised the Lebanese coast, especially between Ar-Rashidiyah and Tyre. A Zionist force yesterday entered the [name indistinct] village in the central sector, which is under the control of UN Ghanian forces and kidnaped two citizens, whose fate is still unknown.

In addition, Haddad's militia yesterday kidnaped a UN officer on the allegation that he made slanderous remarks about Israel and the militia leaders. A UN spokesman said that the officer, who is from New Zealand, was kidnaped from the UN observer post in Marwahin and was released after hours of tense negotiations between the UN Command and Haddad's militia.

AL-HUSS RECEIVES AMERICAN BLACK WOMEN'S DELEGATION

NC221935 Beirut Domestic Service in Arabic 1900 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] This evening Prime Minister Dr Salim al-Huss received in his home in Ad-Dawhah an American black women's delegation which is currently visiting Lebanon. The prime minister briefed the delegation on the various aspects of the situation in the south, as well as the overall situation in Lebanon and the role which the great powers, particularly the United States, can play in applying pressure on Israel to end its attacks on the south.

The prime minister also answered the delegation's questions on the developments in the area and their impact on the situation in Lebanon.

BEIRUT SOURCES CLAIM SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER IN MOSCOW

NC221043 Beirut AN-NAHAR in Arabic 21 May 80 p 1

[Text] Informed sources in Beirut have said that Syrian Defense Minister Maj Gen Mustafa Talas is currently in Moscow. The sources have not given any details on Talas' visit to the Soviet Union nor have the Soviet or Syrian information media referred to it.

PRIME MINISTER AL-KASM RECEIVES SOVIET DELEGATION

JN221343 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1215 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] At 1130 this morning Prime Minister Dr 'Abd Ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm received the Soviet Parliamentary delegation under Antanas Barkauskas, deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium and chairman of the Lithuanian SSR Supreme Soviet Presidium. The meeting was attended by Dr Muhsin Bilal, director of the People's Assembly Arab and Foreign Relations Department, and the Soviet ambassador in Damascus.

The prime minister welcomed the Soviet delegation. He stressed the firm relations of cooperation between the two countries, relations which are based on sound and principled strategic foundations. Dr al-Kasm said: We highly appreciate the friendship of the Soviet Union and the other socialist states. We are proud of their firm and sincere stands on our just issues.

Dr al-Kasm stated: Our joint struggle is in the interest of peace and justice and for the destruction of imperialism, Zionism and racism. It is part of the struggle of all the peace-loving peoples, those people who stand in one trench against the other side, which is hostile to freedom, justice and peace and which is formed by international imperialism, particularly U.S. imperialism.

The prime minister also praised the economic relations between us and the Soviet Union. The Euphrates Dam and other vital projects are an important result of this principled cooperation existing between peoples who share interests divorced from exploitation.

The head of the Soviet delegation thanked the Syrian leadership and the friendly Syrian people for the warm welcome the delegation was accorded. He praised the Syrian leadership's interest in and care for the working class and the economic achievements in the field of development. He reaffirmed the Soviet Union's support for the Syrian Government and people and for the rights of the Arabs and its stand against the imperialist, Zionist and reactionary conspiracies hatched against them. He lauded the heroic stand of Syria under President Hafiz al-Asad for the sake of freedom and independence.

Dr al-Kasm requested the head of the Soviet delegation to convey his greetings to Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers Aleksey Kosygin and to the friendly Soviet people.

Al-Asad, Ba'th Officials Meeting

JN221654 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1615 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] At 1600 today, His Excellency President Hafiz al-Asad received the Soviet parliamentary delegation under Antanas Barkauskas, deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium and chairman of the Lithuanian SSR Supreme Soviet Presidium.

The meeting was attended by People's Assembly Speaker Mahmud Hadid, People's Assembly Arab and Foreign Relations Department director Dr Muhsin Bilal and Soviet Ambassador in Damascus Vladimir Ivanovich Yukhin. At 1300 today Ba'th Party Assistant Secretary General Comrade 'Abdallah al-Ahmar met with the Soviet Parliamentary delegation under Antanas Barkauskas. The delegation is visiting Syria at the invitation of the People's Assembly.

The meeting was attended by People's Assembly Secretary Sa'id Sulayman, People's Assembly Arab and Foreign Relations Department director Dr Muhsin Bilal, People's Assembly members and the Soviet ambassador in Damascus. Comrade al-Ahmar welcomed the friendly Soviet Parliamentary delegation and cordially exchanged viewpoints with its members on the friendly relations between the Soviet Union and Syria.

During the meeting the two sides also reviewed the situation in the Arab area and the role played by Syria, which is the primary base of steadfastness against imperialist and Zionist schemes in the area and in confronting the treacherous Camp David agreements.

Comrade Barkauskas reiterated the Soviet Union's support for Arab rights and for Syria's steadfastness against all conspiracies hatched by U.S. imperialism, Zionism and reaction. Comrade Barkauskas stressed that the Soviet Union will continue to support Syria's struggle, under President Hafiz al-Asad, and that Syria and all of the struggling peoples will achieve victory.

Further on Al-Asad's Meeting

JN222034 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 1915 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] At 1600 today His Excellency President Hafiz al-Asad received the Soviet parliamentary delegation under Antanas Barkauskas, deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium.

The meeting was attended by People's Assembly Speaker Mahmud Hadid, People's Assembly Arab and Foreign Relations Department director Dr Muhsin Bilal and Soviet Ambassador in Damascus Vladimir Ivanovich Yukhin. At the outset of the meeting Barkauskas expressed thanks for the warm welcome the Soviet delegation has been accorded, along with his happiness at meeting with President Hafiz al-Asad.

The discussion then dealt with the talks the Soviet delegation has held in Damascus. Barkausakas stressed that the talks have resulted in identicial viewpoints. He expressed the appreciation of the Soviet Government and people for the Syrian Arab Republic's brilliant stands and progressive course. Barkauskas also expressed the Soviet delegation's admiration for the achievements delegation members have observed during their visit to Syria and for the determination of the Syrian people and workers to protect and further these achievements.

His excellency the president welcomed the Soviet delegation and praised the Soviet Union's stands in support of the Arabs' struggle against imperialism and Zionism. President al-Asad also stressed Syria's commitment to its principled stands and its continuing efforts to expose the attempts to mislead that are carried out by imperialism and reaction.

President al-Asad said: We are aware that hostile forces are increasing their attacks against us because of our principled stands. We are also aware that by remaining committed to these stands, we will face additional difficulties. We must, however, be sincere with ourselves and it is not logical that we should seek salvation from these difficulties by giving in to U.S. schemes. We are determined to continue with our stands because they reflect our people's will.

President al-Asad then stressed the strong relations between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Soviet Union. The president said: We take care to strengthen these relations. President al-Asad added: Imperialism must realize that it can not subjugate the people's will nor impose friendships that the peoples do not want or prevent friendships that the peoples desire.

At the end of the meeting a woman physician who is a member of the Soviet delegation presented a hand-made medal to the president, which is usually offered in Lithuania to friendly high-level figures. His excellency the president asked Barkauskas to convey his greetings to Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and to the Soviet people.

Talks End 22 May

JN222141 Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic 2115 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The final session of talks between the Syrian Arab side, under People's Assembly Deputy Speaker Muhammad 'Adil Jamus, and the Soviet side, under Antanas Barkauskas, deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium and chairman of the Lithuanian SSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, was held in Damascus today. During this session, the two sides undertook a comprehensive review of the results of the friendly Soviet delegation's visit and the meetings its members held with Syrian officials, led by His Excellency President Hafiz al-Asad. The head of the Syrian Arab side expressed the hope that this visit will contribute to strengthening the two countries' relations of friendship in all spheres.

The head of the guest delegation stressed that the revolution in the Syrian Arab Republic has placed Syria on the sound scientific course and noted that his visit to Syria was fruitful, successful and constructive. An official statement on the results of the visit and the talks will be issued tomorrow morning.

JORDANIAN, SYRIAN INFORMATION MINISTERS MEET IN DAMASCUS

JN180644 Amman Domestic Service in Arabic 0500 GMT 18 May 80

[Text] Syrian Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad yesterday received Jordanian Information Minister Dr Sa'id at-Tal and his information delegation. During the meeting the two sides conducted a comprehensive review of information relations and ways to promote information cooperation between the two fraternal countries.

Dr at-Tal stressed the importance of achieving solidarity and coordination between the two countries at the time when the Arab nation is exposed to an onslaught aimed at harming its steadfastness. He pointed out that the joint march and the future are one and that Jordan's stand is firm. He added that all obstacles confronting the one joint march must be eliminated.

Iskandar asserted that relations between Jordan and Syria must continue to be strong and firm. He stressed the importance of unifying the two countries' stands on the pan-Arab issues in the service of the higher Arab interests. The meeting was attended by the Jordanian ambassador in Damascus.

ALGERIA

YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC DELEGATION DEPARTS 22 MAY

LD221634 Algiers Domestic Service in French 1200 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpts] The Yugoslav economic delegation headed by the minister of the Federal Executive Council and president of the Yugoslav Committee for Industry left Houari Boumediene airport this morning. It was seen off by Mr Belkacem Nabi, minister of energy and petrochemical industries. The delegation, which had been in Algeria since Saturday, had a series of talks with Algerian economic officials with a view to increasing and strengthening cooperation between the two countries.

Before leaving Mr Matkaliev said he had had discussions with Algerian leaders in the fields of energy, public works, heavy and light industry and that it was agreed to strengthen short-term as well as long-term cooperation. It is planned to increase the volume of (?exchanges) three-fold during the current year as compared with 1979 and Yugoslavia (?will) contribute to building factories and houses in Algeria.

PRICE OF CRUDE OIL RAISED $1 PER BARREL

LD221924 Algiers Domestic Service in French 1900 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] The price of a barrel of Algerian crude has been readjusted by $1. The new rate of $35.21 is backdated to 16 May. With this readjustment Algeria has thus rejoined the majority of OPEC members who have taken similar measures in the past few days. Only Nigeria has not pronounced itself officially.

GABON'S BONGO URGES AFRICAN CONSIDERATION OF W. SAHARA

LD211039 Algiers EL MOUDJAHID in French 14 May 80 p 1

[APS report: "We Must Find Ways and Means To Insure the Implementation of the Saharan People's Right to Self-Determination"]

[Text] Algiers--At 0730 local time (0630 GMT) President Omar Bongo, Gabon head of state, left Houari Boumediene international airport for London, after a working visit during which he had talks with President Chadli Bendjedid. Referring to these talks immediately before his departure, President Bongo stated that they concerned bilateral relations, Algerian-Gabonese cooperation and a number of political questions, including African problems in general and the Western Sahara problem in particular.

President Bongo stated that, as far as Western Sahara was concerned, there was the problem of the Saharan people's right to self-determination. "We must find ways and means to insure the implementation of this right to self-determination," he added, before adding that "other African heads of state should look at this problem objectively." "Gabon has always done so," he asserted, and expressed the view that consultations should take place prior to the coming OAU summit.

With regard to bilateral relations between the two countries, the Gabonese head of state expressed a wish for a meeting of the Algerian-Gabonese mixed commission formed after the official visit he made in 1974, in order to strengthen cooperation between Algeria and Gabon.

President Omar Bongo was seen off by President of the republic and Secretary General of the party Chadli Bendjedid; Political Bureau member and Foreign Minister Mohamed Benyahia; Central Committee member and Heavy Industry Minister Mohamed Lyassine; Central Committee member and Finance Minister Hadj Yala; and several African ambassadors accredited to Algiers.

LIBYA

JALLUD RECEIVES HUNGARIAN MINISTER 21 MAY

LD220910 Tripoli JANA in English 0822 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Tripoli, May 21, JAMANIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--At the People's Palace in Tripoli this morning, Staff Major 'Abd as-Salah Ahmad Jallud received Gyula Szeker, Hungarian deputy prime minister currently visiting the Jamahiriyah. The meeting was attended by Abu Zayd 'Umar Durdah, secretary of general people's committee for economy.

JALLUD RECEIVES YAR ARMY CHIEF 22 MAY

LD230920 Tripoli JANA in English 0816 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] Tripoli, May 23, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--Staff Major Jallud received last night Lieutenant Colonel 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Boti, the chief of staff of the North Yemeni Armed Forces visiting Libya. The meeting took place in Sha'b Palace in Tripoli.

AL-QADHDHAFI RECEIVES GREETINGS FROM CASTRO

LD221940 Tripoli JANA in English 1832 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Tripoli, May 22, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY--Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, leader of the grand Al-Fatah revolution received the following message from the Cuban President Fidel Castro on the occasion of Africa Day:

I take the opportunity of the Day of Africa to express to the peoples of the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriyah and yourself our brotherly regards in the name of the people and Government of the Republic of Cuba.

The Cuban people, who are linked with Africa with deep historic eternal roots, affirm today their solidarity with the African peoples against imperialism, colonialism and racism including Zionism and racial discrimination. They also affirm their solidarity with the full economic political and social independence of the African countries.

We are confident that the joint struggle of the Cuban and Libyan peoples will continue to develop the established friendly ties between them. I take this opportunity to reaffirm my great appreciation.

[Signed] Castro, president of the Councils of State and Ministers in the Republic of Cuba.

MAURITANIA

PRESIDENT HAYDALA RETURNS FROM FOREIGN TOUR

LD222156 Nouakchott Domestic Service in Arabic 2030 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpt] At 1800 today Lt Col Mohamed Khouna Ould Haydala, chairman of the Military Committee for National Salvation and head of state and government, and the important delegation accompanying him returned home following his official visits to the PRC, Iraq and Kuwait.

MOROCCO

MINISTER QUESTIONED ON SEIZURE OF SPANISH BOATS

LD221413 Madrid EL PAIS in Spanish 15 May 80 p 17

[Domingo del Pino undated interview in Rabat with Moroccan Information Minister Abdelwahid Belal.ziz: "Fishing in Moroccan Waters Still Excellent Business for Spanish Companies"]

[Text] Question: What are the foundations of current Spanish-Moroccan fishing policy?

Answer: In its present relations with Spain, Morocco adheres strictly to the spirit and letter of the agreement of principle signed during King Juan Carlos' visit to Fes early last summer. By pointing this out, I am not expressing a platitude but stressing the importance which our government attached and still attaches to that visit. What I mean is that Morocco wants to impart a thrust to its relations with Spain on the basis of the principles outlined in Fes.

Question: What are the reasons for the recent seizure last Thursday of 14 Spanish fishing boats which, as on previous occasions, seems based on political considerations?

Answer: I assure you that it was not politically motivated. The fact is that in Spain there is always a gut reaction to any act by Morocco, to what is, after all, an every-day routine. This routine must not be confused with, or connected with, political strategy. Furthermore, many things are concealed under cover of fishing.

Question: Why were these boats seized immediately after the Spanish foreign minister received a POLISARIO delegation?

Answer: It was not immediately after that. In any case, a boat committing an infringement can be surprised at any moment. Furthermore, Spain has over 1,300 boats in our waters. How many have we seized altogether: 50, 60...? No, fishing in Moroccan waters is still excellent business for Spanish companies.

By saying this I do not mean to give the impression that there are no problems between Spain and Morocco. This is inevitable in interstate relations. I do, however, want to assure the Spanish people that Morocco wants to resolve the problem within a civilized framework of understanding and negotiation. Friendship between our peoples is much more important than any strategy on our part.

Neither do I wish to conceal the fact that we do not understand why the Spanish minister granted this audience to our enemies, without any apparent need for it now. Nevertheless, in this connection I must say that the Moroccan Government is satisfied with and abides by the explanations given to us by the Spanish ambassador in Rabat, at the time of the meeting.

Question: Do you not believe that there was also a gut reaction from the Moroccan press especially from the paper EL ALAM, Foreign Minister Boucetta's unofficial mouthpiece?

Answer: First, of course, I do not dictate newspaper editorials. Second, it is true that Spain would not like it if our foreign minister received representatives of the Basque, Catalan, Andalusian or Canaries separatists. The Spanish Government knows that we will never do this; but for their part they must try to maintain good relations with Morocco and not allow themselves to be influenced by the enemies of Spanish democracy or by those opposed to Spain's regeneration.

Question: Nevertheless, King Hassan II also made remarks considered offensive in Spain during his visit to Paris.

Answer: As I have already said, gut reactions take place in Spain very often with regard to Morocco. I frankly believe that his majesty's remarks were misunderstood and misinterpreted, and above all taken out of the context in which they were made. The fact is that neither you nor I can alter history and history shows that Spain colonized the Sahara and has the responsibilities of any colonizer for what is happening. But I do not believe that his majesty's remarks were any more important that that. In any case Spain was not the world's only colonizing nation. Many other countries share responsibilities similar to its own. The important thing is that we believe and be sure now that good relations between Morocco and Spain are also in the Spanish people's interests. This is why I repeat our idea that all problems must be resolved calmly and with a spirit of cooperation.

Question: The context of these remarks--the ones made during the visit to France--was also ill-received.

Answer: This is a fixation that you have with the alleged influence of France and the French language. I know that it is said that our administration is French-educated and that French is replacing Spanish even in the former northern zone. Would you care to tell me what Spain has done to prevent this? Would you care to explain to me your understanding of what we might call a cultural inversion? Because you cannot expect us to be the ones to promote Spanish culture and language in Morocco.

HASSAN SPEAKS 21 MAY ON AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

LD221340 Rabat MAP in English 1200 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Rabat, May 22 (MAP)--King Hassan II of Morocco delivered a speech Wednesday, in which the monarch explained the historical and judicial implications of the amendment of the constitution's twenty-first article, related to the Regency Council and fixing the king's legal majority at the age of sixteen.

The monarch mainly said that through its referendary consultation, the whole of the Moroccan people will act as a constituent assembly, since it will participate in elaborating one of the most important articles of the constitution.

King Hassan II underlined on the other hand, that the young monarch who inherits the throne, should begin, as soon as he reaches maturity at the age of 16, to run public affairs and fully carry out his responsibilities without waiting until he is older. The monarch then invited the Moroccan people to participate in this vote, because, he said it will prove by this gesture that we are from the same family, and will guarantee the stability of the monarchic institutions for the coming generations.

King Hassan II precised that the young monarch will be surrounded by the elite of the people, mainly the president of the Supreme Court, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairman of ulemas of Rabat-Sale (?and) ten other personalities who could come from all the social classes, but who have distinguished themselves by their devotion to the country, their integrity and their intellectual and moral qualities.

TUNISIA

DEFENSE MINISTER BALY ON OFFICIAL VISIT TO ITALY

For reportage on Defense Minister Slaheddine Baly's official visit to Italy, see the Italy section of the 21 May Western Europe DAILY REPORT and subsequent issues.

HA'ARETZ: ISRAEL WILL REJECT NEW DATE FOR AUTONOMY TALKS

TA230905 Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew 23 May 80 pp 1, 2

[By 'Uzi Benziman]

[Excerpt] Israel will not agree to a new target date for concluding the autonomy negotiations but will not oppose a formula setting the end of 1980 as a time when one should aspire to conclude the talks.

Contacts in Jerusalem, Cairo and Washington have revealed that Israel and Egypt will have to sign a new document determining a date for the conclusion of the negotiations. Such a date was included in the joint letter signed by Begin and As-Sadat and attached to the Israel-Egyptian peace treaty.

In the past, there was a serious dispute between Israel and Egypt on the definition of the date for the conclusion of the negotiations, and this was resolved in a compromise proposed by President Carter. The compromise provided for a joint letter saying: "Egypt and Israel set for themselves the goal of completing the negotiations within 1 year, so that elections will be held as expeditiously as possible after agreement has been reached between the parties."

Recent Egyptian remarks show that Cairo is interested in establishing a new date for the conclusion of the autonomy talks, since 26 May will mark the end of the first year of talks. Israel continues to maintain that it would be better not to limit the talks to a specific timeframe, but it would agree to a formula that repeats the formula in the joint letter. The new document to provide for the resumption of the talks will allude to the Camp David agreement, the peace treaty and its appendices.

AMBASSADOR LEWIS MEETS BURG, SHAMIR; BURG COMMENTS

TA221301 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1200 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The U.S. ambassador to Israel came to Jerusalem this morning and met for separate talks with the minister of the interior and the foreign minister. After these talks Minister Burg told correspondent David Essing that the key to the resumption of the autonomy talks now lies in the results of Husni Mubarak's talks in the White House and in President as-Sadat's reply to the letter that Prime Minister Begin sent him.

CONTROVERSY CONTINUES OVER DEFENSE MINISTER'S THREAT TO RESIGN

Weizman Signs Defense Contracts

TA221820 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1800 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Today, Defense Minister 'Ezer Weizman signed a contract with Israeli suppliers, thus contradicting the economic minicabinet's decision saying that all Cabinet ministries should avoid making such contracts. It was decided not to test the ministry's accountant, who normally signs contracts, because his appointment was coordinated with the Finance Ministry.

Our military correspondent Roni Daniyel report that today Minister Weizman signed deals involving 200 million Israeli pounds for military production.

Weizman Not To Meet With Herut

TA221606 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1500 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The defense minister has announced that he will not participate in the meeting of the Herut Party executive this evening. The meeting is scheduled to discuss, among other things, his relations with the finance minister and with the prime minister and his demand for early elections. Our political correspondent Shim'on Schiffer has learned that today Minister Weizman spoke to several ministers who called him to ask him not to resign from the Cabinet.

The deputy defense minister has announced that he will return from abroad earlier than planned in anticipation of the Cabinet session in 3 days. Meanwhile, various senior ministers have launched attempts to find a compromise formula to settle the dispute between the finance minister and the defense minister. One solution proposes establishing special committee to discuss the possibility of making additional cuts in the defense budget. Our correspondent says that the defense minister is waiting for the Cabinet session on Sunday, in which the matter will be determined, and then he will decide about his future in the Cabinet.

Today there were no contacts between the finance and defense ministers on this matter. Our correspondent Gid'on Rotem reports that Minister Hurvitz has also completely refused to reply to questions on the issue, saying that he will say what he has to say at the Cabinet session on Sunday.

Herut Members Demand Resignation

TA222013 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1900 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] All those who have so far spoken at the Herut executive meeting have demanded that the defense minister reach the conclusions called for by his views and resign. The speakers did not mention Weizman by name and ignored the prime minister's request that the crisis with the defense minister not be discussed because Weizman did not attend the meeting. Our correspondent Asher Schwartz reports that among those who spoke against the defense minister were Dr Yohanan Bader, MK's Aridor, Shilansky and Deqel as well as Prof Yehuda Lapidot.

Begin Rejects Herut Discussion

TA221911 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1800 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The Herut movement executive met this evening but did not discuss the crisis of relationships with the defense minister. This was done in compliance with the prime minister's demand. Mr Begin said that the issue cannot be discussed in the absence of the defense minister. Many of the participants in the meeting reacted by shouting loudly: "Ezer Weizman does not want to come to the meeting, but this is no reason why we should not discuss it." However, the prime minister insisted on his position and therefore the Herut executive has not discussed this issue.

At the beginning of the session, the prime minister reviewed political issues, centering primarily on the problems of the autonomy negotiations. He emphasized that the security issue in the territories must be in Israeli hands and stated in this context that last year the security forces uncovered about 140 PLO cells involving more than 1,000 terrorists. They were found to be in possession of hugh quantities of arms and ammunition. The PLO, he said, has a budget of $1 million a day and its members are being supported by the Soviet Union. If the autonomy creates a certain gap, the PLO will enter it and we will suffer incessant bloodshed, the prime minister said.

Begin: Crisis at 'Immeasurable Peak'

TA231120 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1100 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] The prime minister has defined the government crisis as an immeasurable peak. He said that, had the IDF generals attended the scheduled news conference to support the defense minister's position, they would have committed a very serious act.

Our political correspondent Shim'on Schiffer reports that in a meeting with leaders of the democratic movement, Menahem Begin said that at the Cabinet meeting on Sunday he would ask the ministers to settle their disputes and to solve the problems of their ministries within the cabinet. According to Begin, he will appeal to the ministers; conscience and moral sense.

IDF Quartermaster on Budget Cuts

TA230640 Jerusalem POST in English 23 May 80 pp 1, 3

[By Hirsh Goodman, POST military correspondent]

[Excerpt] The IDF's plan for redeployment of the army from the Sinai to the Negev has been extended to cover a seven-year period instead of the three originally planned. This has been done to try to accommodate the budgetary restrictions which have been imposed on the defense establishment, Quartermaster-General Yohanan Gur said yesterday.

In an exclusive interview with the Jerusalem POST, General Gur said that around 4 billion shekels had been appropriated for the redeployment program of IDF ground forces--Project Ramon Bet--of which about 25 percent will be spent this year. The remainder will be spread out until 1986. Air force and navy redeployment comes under separate budgets.

Gur warned, however, that the limit has been reached as to how much can be cut back in terms of army redeployment in the Negev and on the West Bank from Sinai positions.

Gur, who was formerly the army's budget chief, says he is convinced there is no way for the budget to be cut any further. As the man responsible for all the equipment and stores in the army, he says that the "red line" has been reached in terms of cutting ammunition stores and training days.

"It is possible to cut away at the country's security more and more, but there will be a high price to be paid. Those who cut back on more funds at this point must realize what that price entails and then decide if they are prepared to accept responsibility."

He refused to spell out exactly what he meant, but did not deny that he was also speaking about potential casualties being increased should there be another conflict.

OPPOSITION LEADER RABIN FAVORS MAJOR TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE

TA230900 Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in Hebrew 23 May 80 p 5

[By Yif'at Nevo]

[Text] "In return for peace and in order not to rule over more than 1 million who do not want us, I am prepared to return large parts of the West Bank to the Kingdom of Jordan. It will be necessary to find a way to settle 500,000 Arab refugees, who are presently in Lebanon and Syria, in the framework of a comprehensive autonomy in areas of the east and west banks." These remarks were made yesterday by MK Yitzhaq Rabin who was a guest of the Tel Aviv University Students Union political forum.

Mr Rabin, who spoke about the autonomy's chances, stressed that he supports granting full autonomy to the Arabs of the West Bank with the exception of foreign affairs and security. He maintained that Israel should hold onto the Jordan rift, Jerusalem and Gush 'Ezyon because of their strategic and national importance. However, as for wide areas of the West Bank that are densely populated by Arabs, Israel can make concessions and even arrive at joint Israeli-Jordanian responsibility over the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in the spirit of the Camp David agreements.

Mr Rabin pointed out that after the elections in the United States we can expect one of the most difficult periods we have known since the war of independence. According to him, today's government is following a policy of making maximum demands, which will lead to a result of seeking too much and catching nothing. He believes that if we insist on minimum demands, which are essential for our security and existence, we will again enjoy the wide support we once had in the U.S. Senate and among the American public.

Rabin Gains in Popularity Poll

TA230647 Jerusalem POST in English 23 May 80 p 2

[Text] Tel Aviv--If Yitzhaq Rabin led the Labor-Mapam Alignment in elections now, his list would win 68 Knesset seats as opposed to 23 for a Likud list headed by Premier Menahem Begin, according to this month's MONITIN magazine poll.

The poll, conducted by Mina Tzemah of the Dahaf Research Institute, also found that if Shim'on Peres led Labor and 'Ezer Weizman led the Likud list, the gap would narrow to 11 seats: 50 for Labor and 39 for the Likud. And if Rabin and Weizman were the main contenders, Labor would get 64 seats to the Likud's 26.

In testing the electoral appeal of major candidates for premier, Tzemah found Rabin in the lead with 38.7 percent (29.3 in April). Begin had 23.9 percent (21.2), Peres 17.5 (24.7) and Weizman 12.6 (17.7).

A slight shift to the right was also noted, with an increase in the Revival Movement's appeal.

If elections were held today, the Alignment (presumably under Peres) would win 60 seats (61 in April), Begin's Likud 26 (25), the National Religious Party 10 (10), the Agudat Yisra'el bloc 6 (6), the Revival Movement 4 (2), SHA 2 (2), and the smaller lists (Rakah, Sheli, Citizens' Rights Movement and the Arab Lists) 12 seats all together.

Dr Tzemah conducted her poll among 1,237 adults during the period 5 to 15 May. She noted in her comment that the respondents were probably influenced by the Hebron killings and the unrest in Judaea and Samaria.

Tzemah also found that interest in a new centre party has sharply declined. In the April poll such a list would have won 19 seats; today their support has shrunk to 12.

OLYMPIC COMMITTEE DECIDES TO BOYCOTT MOSCOW GAMES

TA221743 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1705 GMT 22 May 80

[Report by correspondent Dani Dvorin]

[Excerpt] Good evening to you from the Olympic Committee building in Tel Aviv. Well, a few minutes ago, the Israeli Olympic Committee plenum decided to comply with Prime Minister Menahem Begin's plea and the recommendation of the Knesset Sports Committee not to participate in the Olympic Games which will take place in Moscow in July. The decision to boycott the games was adopted by a majority of 17 to 8.

The plenum also decided that, should there be any developments in the international sphere, the committee will convene again to discuss the issue. The final date, at this stage, to announce participation in the games is 24 May, that is, 2 days from now.

Reporters Not To Attend

TA230836 Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew 23 May 80 p 2

[Text] Due to the Israeli Olympic Committee decision [to boycott the Olympics], the Broadcasting Authority will not dispatch a delegation of radio and television reporters to cover the Olympics in Moscow. This was announced yesterday by Broadcasting Authority spokesman Moshe 'Amirav. 'Amirav noted that, although the Olympic Games would not be extensively covered, as had been planned before, numerous excerpts would be transmitted via satellite. This will also lead to significant savings.

Authority Director General Yosef Lapid and Television Director Yitzhaq Shim'oni will hold a meeting today in which the arrangements for transmitting the Olympics via satellite will be decided.

RADIO REPORTS KILLING OF SOVIET CITIZENS IN DAMASCUS

TA222024 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 2000 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The opposition killed a Soviet expert and wounded his wife seriously in Damascus. Official Ba'th sources have reported that the murder took place last month. The identity of the Russian has not been made known. Four months ago two Soviet officers were killed in the city of Hamah, and then the administration blamed the Muslim Brotherhood.

SHARON DISCUSSES COMMITTEE DECISIONS ON STATUS OF SETTLEMENTS

TA221710 Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew 1510 GMT 22 May 80

[Excerpts] The ministerial committee established about 2 weeks ago to investigate the problem of lands in Judaea and Samaria settlements will submit recommendations to the Cabinet next Sunday. At the same time, the committee will request an extension of 1 week to find a solution to the problem of the 'Ofra and Qiryat Arba' settlements. At today's session, recommendations were made regarding the six additional settlements. Committee Chairman Minister Ari'el Sharon told our correspondent Gil'ad Mishori that the problem of all the settlements will untimately be solved. [begin recording]

[Sharon] The decisions we reached today do not constitute a decision on the legal status of the settlements. On this matter, the Cabinet will no doubt be called to hold another debate and to make different decisions. Here the intention was totally limited, albeit highly significant, but still limited, namely: to solve concrete problems of several settlements. As for the legal status of these settlements, this is a much more complex and intricate issue and the Cabinet will have to discuss it. [end recording]

WEST BANK, GAZA COUNCILS: SHARON SOLUTIONS INSUFFICIENT

TA221858 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1800 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The heads of the Judaea, Samaria and Gaza district local councils have said that the solutions to the land shortage as proposed by the ministerial committee headed by Minister Sharon are insufficient. They said the proposal is merely patchwork. They propose adding land to six settlements also be seizing lands defined as unregistered.

Our correspondent Avraham ben-Melekh adds that this afternoon there was a closed meeting in 'Ofra of the heads of Gush Emunim, at which methods to increase Gush Emunim's activity were discussed.

FURTHER DISTURBANCES REPORTED IN NABULUS, JANIN

TA221916 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 1700 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The security forces used tear gas to disperse a gathering of hundreds of people in the central square in Nabulus. Our correspondent Arye Gus reports that the inhabitants gathered in the square because of a rumor that had spread in town that the military governor was going to execute a woman who had murdered the members of her family. In Janin, the military governor closed the entrance to a road from which stones were often hurled at security personnel with iron bars. Yesterday, an empty bottle was thrown at a policeman from there.

Our correspondent Pinhas 'Inbari notes that the students from the 'Anabta High School will probably not be given the matriculation examinations this year because their school was closed following an attack on the military governor 3 weeks ago and has not yet reopened.

NEW SETTLEMENT BLOC ESTABLISHED IN GAZA STRIP

TA230523 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0500 GMT 23 May 80

[Text] A bloc of settlements is now being established in the southwestern Gaza Strip, which will serve as a wedge between the Gaza Strip and Egypt and will replace the Yamit strip. This is reported by our correspondent Avraham ben-Melekh. This bloc of settlements already includes the three settlements of the Qatif district. Another six settlements will be established there soon.

The intention is that these settlements will constitute a buffer zone near the international border and serve as a security replacement for the Yamit strip. The construction in the area is being done by the Zionist Federation Settlement Department. Our correspondent notes that settlement department officials fear that financial difficulties and political restraints might hinder the execution of this work.

Further Details on Settlement

TA230701 Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew 0600 GMT 23 May 80

[Excerpts] Ground-breaking has begun in the Gaza Strip for the establishment of Qatif D, another settlement in the bloc that will serve as a wedge between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. This bloc will include 12 settlements. A system of roads will connect the bloc to the areas beyond the green line. According to the agriculture minister's plan, 250 housing units will be allocated for the establishment of these settlements.

Our correspondent Avarham ben-Melekh notes that most land in the planned bloc is state-owned. However, the status of 12,000 dunams is unclear. The plans for the establishment of this bloc were drawn up 6 years ago. Yet, they are being implemented only now.

BRIEFS

EXPORT STATISTICS--Exports in the first third of the year went up by 30 percent and industrial exports, including diamonds, by 41 percent. However, the trade gap increased because of the big rise in the cost of oil imports. [Text] [Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 18 May 80 TA]

SOVIET IMMIGRANTS--Of the 2,470 Jews who have left the Soviet Union since April 1980, 986 immigrated to Israel. These details were disclosed in the monthly intergovernmental European immigration bulletin published in Geneva yesterday. This is the lowest number since the beginning of 1980, when 2,800 Jews left the Soviet Union in January, 2,910 in February and 3,050 in March. [Text] [Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in Hebrew 11 May 80 p 2 TA] There has been a drop in the number of Jews leaving the Soviet Union in the first half of this month. Up to yesterday, only 713 Jews reached Vienna from the Soviet Union. This is about half the rate of last year. Of those who got out, 350 came to Israel, making a drop-out rate of 58 percent. Jewish agency officials say Soviet authorities are continuing to demand the signatures of immediate relatives on exit documents and, as a result, emigration is down from the Soviet areas from where most past drop-outs have come. [Text] [Jerusalem Domestic Service in English 1200 GMT 16 May TA]

JAPANESE AGREEMENT--Histadrut Secretary General Yeroham Meshel and the Japanese president of the Federation of Professional Unions signed an agreement in Tokyo today for cooperation in the economic, social and international spheres. The bilateral agreement consists of six clauses, the main one of which concerns coordination of positions in the international-Asian sphere in the framework of the Asian Regional Organization of Free Professional Unions. [Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew 1640 GMT 17 May 80 TA]

WEST BANK WORKERS--Jerusalem, 12 May--In April 44,198 workers from the territories were registered in comparison with 46,645 in March, according to the department of information and statistics of the employment service. Of all registered employees: 14,359 worked in construction, compared with 15,022 in March; 16,216 in industry, including 1,273 women; 6,723 in various services and 6,900 in agriculture. Some 7,069 workers from the territories were employed in the Jerusalem area, including 4,183 in construction and 1,691 in services. In Haifa there were 2,695, including 1,330 in construction. In the Shomron area there were 2,855, including 1,540 in industry. In southern and northern Sharon there were 6,375 including 2,286 in industry. In the Dan area there were 4,327, including 2,582 in industry. In the Tel Aviv area 9,955 workers from the territories were employed, including 3,176 in building and 4,255 in industry. In the southern region there were 4,332 including 1,907 in industry. In the Negev area there were 3,930, including 1,961 in building and 1,107 in industry. The figures do not include people considered to be "nonorganized" workers, said to number between 15,000 to 20,000 additional workers. [Text] [Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew 1500 GMT 12 May 80 TA]

SINAI INVESTMENTS--Yesterday Finance Minister Yiga'el Hurvitz said that investments in the Sinai area since the 6-day war totalled about 58.7 billion Israeli pounds. Of this sum, 45.5 billion Israeli pounds (at 1979 prices) were military investments in the Sinai area, including Merhav Shelomo [southern Sinai administrative area] and the Eytam and 'Ezyon airfields, and 13.2 billion Israeli pounds were civilian investments. The finance minister made the remarks in reply to a question by MK Amnon Rubinstein. In reply to the question on estimates of the sum invested in civilian investments in the Sinai since As-Sadat's visit in November 1977, the minister replied that the outlays came to about 1.25 billion Israeli pounds. This sum does not include the costs of evacuating the Sinai and constructing the new IDF deployment line. (The sum does include the construction costs by building contractors in the framework of the Ramon 'A' plan.) [Text] [Tel Aviv DAVAR in Hebrew 8 May 80 p 2 TA]

ETHIOPIA

OFFICIAL THANKS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEDICAL AID

LD191635 Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 19 May 80 EA

[Text] The Public Relations and Information Department of the Relief and Rehabilitation Coordinating Committee has disclosed that today it received medicines valued at 50,000 birr sent by the U.S. Government for the relief of victims of natural and manmade catastrophes.

The U.S. Government sent this medical assistance after the commission made an appeal to ambassadors, consuls, and representatives of international organizations based in Ethiopia to visit and see the catastrophes incurred by natural and other causes in south and southeast Ethiopia.

The medical aid was received by Comrade Major Tesfaye Berhanu, deputy commissioner of the Relief and Rehabilitation Coordinating Commission, at Bole International Airport. Mr George T. McClosky, the U.S. AID representative in Ethiopia, handed over the relief goods.

Presenting the AID, Mr McClosky noted that he made a tour of the south and southeast regions of the country. He said that this aid should reach the inhabitants of Bumi and Kelem, in Gemu Gofa region.

For his part, Comrade Major Berhanu thanked the U.S. Government for making medical aid available for use in taking care of afflicted fellow Ethiopians. He also gave an assurance that the aid would reach the afflicted people as intended.

MENGISTU HOLDS TALKS WITH LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

LD222026 Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Excerpt] Comrade Chairman Mengistu Haile Mariam, chairman of the PMAC and commander in chief of the revolutionary army, today received Mr Gabriel B. Matthews, foreign minister of the military government of Liberia. In a speech to the comrade chairman at a ceremony at the grand palace, Mr Gabriel B. Matthews said that until a change of government had been effected in Liberia as a result of a popular uprising, the broad masses of that country had been subjected to one of the most dictatorial and repressive governments. Continuing, he noted that even though Liberia has been an independent country for so long, its people have remained predominantly illiterate and poor because of continued imperialist maneuvers and exploitation. The minister affirmed that the new government, on behalf of the broad masses of Liberia, is committed to creating a new, just system, where peace and prosperity would prevail. He further reiterated Liberia's resolve to maintain international relations based on neutrality and interdependence through mutual cooperation and pledged Liberia's unswerving support for Ethiopia's struggle for peace and prosperity. He expressed the hope that he would learn much from Ethiopia's experience.

Recalling that Liberia had been denied permission to attend the OAU economic summit in Lagos, he thanked Socialist Ethiopia for expressing its disapproval of the decision.

Mr Gabriel Matthews expressed his delegation's gratitude to the comrade chairman for the cordial welcome and hospitality accorded them by the government and people of Ethiopia. He also expressed the hope that the relations between the two countries would be further strengthened. The Liberian foreign minister conveyed greetings from S. Doe, chairman of the People's Redemption Council, to Comrade Chairman Mengistu Haile Mariam, and the people and Government of Ethiopia on behalf of the people and Government of Liberia.

In reply, Comrade Chairman Mengistu Haile Mariam said that the conditions prevailing in Liberia before the change of government in that country bore a striking similarity to the conditions in Ethiopia before the eruption of the February 1974 revolution. The comrade chairman expressed his hope to see Liberia emerge as a nation where peace, equality and prosperity would be realized and expressed the hope that relations between the two countries would be further strengthened. The comrade chairman asked the Liberian foreign minister to convey his greetings and the greetings of the Ethiopian people and government to S. Doe, chairman of the People's Redemption Council, and to the people and Government of Liberia.

OFFICIAL SAYS THREE SOMALIS KILLED IN HARARGE REGION

LD221548 Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1030 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] Comrade Lt Col Amare Hailu, head of the Criminal Investigation Department of the Hararge Regional Police, has announced that three Somali interventionists were liquidated and many others wounded in an operation in (Geliba and Hamicha) location in the (Medo Bulti) district of Hararge Region. During the operation, which ended with the liquidation of the interventionists, who had been armed and sent by the reactionary Mogadishu Regime, several firearms and rounds of ammunition and eight camels were seized. In the operation, which took place last Sunday, 18 May, three harbingers of doom were liquidated by comrades of the revolutionary army and the defense squad drawn from the local peasants' associations.

KENYA

PRESIDENT 'REGRETS' NONPARTICIPATION IN OLYMPICS

LD221857 Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1400 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] President Daniel Arap Moi today said that he regretted the fact that Kenya will not be able to participate in the Olympic Games in Moscow later this year. Describing Kenya as a superpower in the field of track events, President Moi hoped that Kenya would one day be able to participate in subsequent Olympic Games in Moscow. He said that relations between Kenya and Russia were good and stressed that Kenya was committed to a policy of protecting and safeguarding the rights of the people.

The president said this today when he received the Russian ambassador to Kenya, Dr Boris Miroshnichenko, who called on him at state house, Nairobi. The Russian envoy had called on the president to present him with a message of congratulations to African peoples and states on the occasion of African Liberation Day. The occasion was attended by the minister for foreign affairs, Dr Robert Ouko.

GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES 'CONCERN' AT UGANDA DEVELOPMENTS

LD221659 Nairobi Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] The Government of Kenya has expressed concern at the recent developments in Uganda. In a statement issued today at state house, Nairobi, the government said the people of Kenya and Uganda had always been together.

The government noted reports that Mr Godfrey Binaisa, who was forcibly removed as president of Uganda last week, was now under house arrest guarded by Tanzanian soldiers. The statement added that peace and stability were basic to any society, but there could be no peace if leaders were arbitrarily put in prison.

The government further noted that during the recent regional heads of state summit meeting in Mombasa discussions were held on the steps to be taken towards democratic elections in Uganda later this year and consultations in that regard where going when the events of last week took place in Uganda.

The government statement further explained that Kenya believed in peace, love and unity and she could not be a party to a situation in which the welfare of the majority was disregarded.

The statement stressed that the people of Uganda had not enjoyed peace for many years and that they had enjoyed untold hardships in the course of that time. The Ugandan people, like all the people in Africa, are entitled to enjoy the benefits of their independence in conditions of peace and unity.

The government went on to state that it was in this connection that Kenya considered it urgent that appropriate steps should be taken by the relevant authorities to restore order in Uganda and to make further progress towards free and fair elections which would reflect the will of the majority of the people of Uganda.

The statement by the government concluded by saying that the Kenya Government believed that the best way to achieve that objective was for leaders representing all sections of the people of Uganda, both inside and outside Uganda, including Mr Binaisa, to meet at a roundtable conference to discuss the future of Uganda in a peaceful atmosphere.

SOMALIA

PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY ADVISER LEAVES FOR SUDAN

LD221846 Mogadishu Domestic Service in Somali 1700 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Excerpt] The Somali presidential adviser on security matters, Challe Ahmed Sulayman Abdulle, left Mogadishu for the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, this afternoon at the head of a delegation.

Speaking to SONNA reporters at the airport, Challe Ahmed Solayman Abdulle said that he and his delegation will participate in the celebrations marking the 11th anniversary of the Sudanese revolution on 25 May.

The presidential adviser added that during his visit to the Sudan, he will hold talks with Sudanese leaders on ways to strengthen bilateral relations.

TANZANIA

NYERERE SWEARS IN TWO MINISTERS, DIPLOMAT, OTHERS

LD221246 Dar es Salaam in English to central and southern Africa 1000 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] Dar es Salaam--President Nyerere has sworn in two ministers, a diplomat, a principal secretary and two regional development directors in a brief ceremony held at the state house.

The ministers are Ndugu Solomon Ole Saibul, who was sworn in as minister for livestock and natural resources, and Ndugu Isaac Sepetu, as minister for information and tourism. Mwalimu also swore in Ndugu Anthony (Nyaki) as high commissioner in the People's Republic of Zimbabwe. Before his appointment, Ndugu (Nyaki) was principal secretary to the minister of defense and national service. Capt Alex (Khalid) was sworn in as principal secretary to the minister of defense and national service.

Others sworn in today are Ndugu Oscar (Mapunda), who was sworn in as Lindi regional development director and Ndugu (Mathiku Nyitambe) as Mbeya regional development director.

The ceremony was also attended by the prime minister, Ndugu Sokoine, the foreign minister, Ndugu Mkapa and government officials.

UGANDA

FOREIGN MINISTER RETURNS FROM ISLAMIC CONFERENCE

LD221935 Kampala Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] The minister of foreign affairs, Mr Otema Alimadi, has returned from Islamabad where he attended the 11th meeting of the foreign ministers of the member states of the Islamic Conference.

In his address to the plenary session, Mr Alimadi assured the Islamic world of the constitutional right in Uganda for Muslims like everybody else to belong, practice and propagate their own religion freely and without victimization.

He told the conference that the planned Islamic university in Uganda was still very much welcome. He therefore urged the conference to re-endorse the implementation of the program.

On the Palestinian issue, the minister told the conference that there would never be lasting peace in the Middle East without the involvement of the PLO and the securing of a homeland for the Palestinian people.

Mr Alimadi also expressed Uganda's concern over the continued presence of foreign troops in Afghanistan.

The minister also explained to the foreign ministers the recent changes in leadership in Uganda and the general situation in the country.

In Islamabad, the minister met and held talks with President Ziaul Haq on various matters of mutual interest between Uganda and Pakistan. He also met with the minister of state for foreign affairs of Sudan and the foreign minister of the Libyan Jamahiriyah, Mr At-Turayki.

MUWANGA EXPLAINS COMMISSION'S ROLE, BINAISA REMOVAL

LD221816 Kampala Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] The chairman of the Military Commission, Mr Paul Muwanga, has reiterated that the action taken to remove President Binaisa last week was not a military coup but a sober, well-considered political decision by the commission as an organ of the Uganda National Liberation Front [UNLF]. He told an emergency meeting of the National Consultative Council [NCC] that the commission wishes the UNLF and all its organs to continue functioning normally. But he added that deterioration of security did not depend on Binaisa alone, but also some NCC members contributed by losing sight of the main principles of the UNLF. The commission would, therefore, he declared, like to state that it will continue to preserve certain rights over and above other organs of the UNLF in order to play the role of a watchdog.

Outlining events which proceeded the removal of Mr Binaisa from presidency, Mr Muwanga said that as a fighting force of the UNLF they could not sit idle and see what they fought for go down the grave. He said that they are firm and the steps taken are irreversible. He said the commission removed Mr Binaisa to stop his subversion of Uganda's security. He read to the council a communication which the commission sent to Mr Binaisa at the end of March asking him to take steps to improve the security situation in the country, but he did nothing.

Commenting on the objectives of the Military Commission, Mr Muwanga stressed its determination to translate its legitimacy into the legitimacy of the people. He said the commission is committed to security for all and holding of elections as soon as possible.

The temporary chairman of the National Consultative Council, Mr (Alex Waibale), thanked the Military Commission for ensuring that there was no shedding of blood during its assumption of power.

Introducing the members of the Military Commission to the members of the NCC, the vice chairman of the National Executive Committee of the UNLF, Mr Akena Pojok, said the country is at a crossroads but stressed that the situation is understandable.

The meeting was attended by all members of the Military Commission: The chairman, Mr Paulo Muwanga; the vice chairman, Mr Yoweri Museveni; Maj Gen Tito Okello; Brigadier Oyite Ojok; Colonel Omaria, and Colonel Maluru.

NEW POLICE CHIEF ADDRESSES SUBORDINATES

LD212142 Kampala Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 21 May 80 EA

[Text] The new inspector general of police, Mr Like Ofungi, has emphasized the need for discipline to rebuild the force to its old position, when it was one of the best police forces in the whole world. The new police chief made the appeal when he met police officers, men and women, in an around Kampala, at the Police Training School [words indistinct], at Kibuli.

In his address, Mr Ofungi reminded his listeners of the duties and functions of the police, which, he said, include protecting life and property of the people and detection and prevention of crime. In order to carry out their duties efficiently, the inspector general warned the members of the police force against corruption and involvement in criminal activities like magendo [smuggling and trade malpractices] and robbery. He also urged them to stop being drunk while they are on duty and as long as they remain to serve in the police force. Mr Like Ofungi appealed to all members of the Uganda police to be loyal and dedicated to the police and double their efforts so as to serve their mother country. He told them that the country's future depends on their cooperation and love for one another.

The inspector general informed the officers about the interim salary award by the Military Commission and informed them of the decision taken and its (?report) to be released soon.

He also announced that the chairman of the Uganda National Liberation Front Military Commission, Mr Muwanga, and his deputy, Mr Museveni, will meet all police officers in and around Kampala at the International Conference Center, tomorrow at 0930.

All officers pledged their loyalty and promised to work hand in hand with the government to rebuild the nation.

CAMEROON

SHELLS FROM CHAD FIGHTING KILL TWO IN BORDER AREA

AB211005 Paris AFP in English 0923 GMT 21 May 80

[Text] Ndjamena, May 21 (AFP)--Two people were killed when three shells fired in this war-torn Chadian capital landed across the Cameroon border in the tiny village of Crouang, a reliable source said here. There was no immediate official reaction to the incident, which reportedly spread panic among people living across the Cameroon border. Crouang is situated across the Chari River opposite Farsha, an outlying district of the capital here.

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE REDUCES PRISON SENTENCES

AB221858 Yaounde Domestic Service in English 1830 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] President Ahidjo today signed a decree reducing prison sentences. The decree stipulates that the prison sentence reduction affects the following categories: A 5-year reduction for prisoners sentenced to death, but whose sentences have already been reduced to temporary freedom [as heard]; a 4-year reduction for prisoners serving a temporary sentence; a 3-year reduction for prisoners serving a 20-year sentence; a 30-month reduction for prisoners sentenced between 10 and 20 years; a 30-month reduction for prisoners sentenced between 10 and 30 years; a 2-year reduction for prisoners sentenced between 5 and 10 years; an 18-month reduction for prisoners sentenced for between 5 and 3 years; a 1-year reduction for prisoners sentenced between 18 months and (?3) years; a 6-month reduction for prisoners sentenced between 6 months and 18 months. Prisoners serving a 6-month reduction [as heard] are free from the signature date of the decree, that is from today.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

GABONESE DELEGATION DELIVERS BONGO MESSAGE TO DACKO

AB221850 Bangui Domestic Service in French 1830 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] On his return to Bangui, the head of state, Mr David Dacko, received in audience a Gabonese delegation led by Mr Fatien Ombouma. [sentence indistinct] At the end of the audience, Mr Ombouma declared that his visit can be placed within the context of strengthening the cooperation between Gabon and the Central African Republic. Mr Fatien Ombouma came to deliver a message from President Bongo to Mr David Dacko.

CONGO

PRESIDENT MOBUTU MAKES 1-DAY VISIT TO BRAZZAVILLE

Welcomed by President N'Guesso

AB221530 Kinshasa AZAP in French 1049 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Kinshasa, 22 May (AZAP)--The vessel of the founding president of the MPR [Popular Movement of the Revolution] and president of the republic landed at Brazzaville Beach at 1000. The guide, Mobutu, was greeted upon his arrival by his Congolese counterpart, Denis Sassou N'Guesso.

After the military honors, the president of the republic shook hands with the personalities who came to the port for the occasion. They included the members of the Political Bureau and of the Central Committee of the Congolese Labor Party, members of the Congolese Government as well as the diplomatic corps accredited to Brazzaville.

President Mobutu Sese Seko and his counterpart, Denis Sassou N'Guesso of Congo then watched a short dancing and singing session presented by groups organized by the masses. According to the program established by state protocol, the two heads of state will have discussions at the People's Palace today.

Joint Communique Issued

AB222125 Paris AFP in French 1806 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Brazzaville, 12 May (AFP)--Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko and Congolese President Denis Sassou N'Guesso have noted the excellent relations existing between Zaire and Congo since their last meeting in Kinshasa in June 1979, says a joint communique issued on Thursday at the end of the friendly and working visit that President Mobutu made to Brazzaville. The Zairian head of state, who returned to Kinshasa on Thursday by helicopter, and his Congolese counterpart met privately to examine relations between their two countries, the communique states. It points out that the two heads of state underlined the importance of the good-neighbor relations that prevail between their countries and they reaffirmed their desire to see the realization of previously concluded agreements in order that the existing ties might be reinforced and consolidated. On international matters the communique essentially says that the two heads of state expressed their desire to see peaceful solutions to conflicts shaking the world at present.

ZAIRE

NEGOTIATIONS TO EXPORT THROUGH MOZAMBIQUE UNDERWAY

AB221551 Kinshasa AZAP in French 1335 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Kinshasa, 22 May (AZAP)--Zaire has for some months been taking the necessary steps toward negotiating for the export of a greater part of its mineral products through Port Beira in Mozambique. These steps follow the first negotiations which took place in Maputo between the state commissioner for foreign affairs and international cooperation, Citizen Nguza Karl-i-Bond, and certain Mozambican authorities. Among the products to be exported are notably copper and cobalt, the abundance of which in the Shaba region is undeniable. In order to realize this wish to send out these mineral products through Mozambique, a Zairian delegation including representatives from the General Quarries and Mines Company (GECAMINES), from the Industrial Development and Mining Company of Zaire (SODIMIZA), and from the Zairian National Railroad Company (SNCZ) continued their talks along these lines in Maputo on Wednesday. These discussions seem very promising according to observers.

As a beneficiary of the advantages of a recommendation by the ministers of the ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific countries) in favor of land-locked countries in this group. Zaire hopes that these exports through the post of Mozambique will begin in a few months' time, the observers stated. This also conforms with the wishes of Maputo. It is known that formerly a great part of these exports, coming especially from Shaba, passed through Mosambique.

Therefore, the steps taken by Zaire coincide fortunately with the decision of Mozambique to reappraise and rehabilitate its ports. It is in this context that this country recently signed a contract of 20 million dollars with some of its partners. The contract, partially financed by the United States, was for the purchase of 20 modern locomotives in Brazil, which will help improve communications between its ports and its African neighbors. Last year, Mozambique bought 25 locomotives from the same country, more exactly from the Brazilian affiliate of the American multinational (General Electric). Mozambique also ordered 32 diesel locomotives from Romania in the same year.

GHANA

CHINEBUAH BRIEFS PARLIAMENT ON MINISTRY'S PLAN

AB222221 Accra Domestic Service in English 1800 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] The minister of foreign affairs, Dr Chinebuah, says his ministry has begun a program of staff reduction both at home and abroad which will yield a total saving of nearly 7 million cedis annually. He described the exercise as cost effective. The minister was briefing Parliament today on the general overview and policy of his ministry.

Dr Chinebuah said there has not been any significant change in the country's foreign policy over the years. The main ingredients of the policy of the present administration are to make Ghana recapture her leadership role in African and international affairs and rebuild her image.

In answer to questions by Dr (Josufuri Atah), PPP [Popular Front Party] member for Begoro, Dr Chinebuah revealed that the recent tour of President Limann of 10 West African countries cost the nation a total of $86,803 and 73,596 cedis in local currency. He said even though the amount spent was negligible, much was achieved. Apart from helping to improve relations and promote better understanding, the visit helped to reactivate bilateral agreements.

To another question by Mr (Abanu), ACP [Action Congress Party] member for Cape Coast, Mr Chinebuah said the government's commitment in respect of rent and accommodations for staff at overseas missions stands at about 10.5 million cedis annually. To reverse this trend, the ministry is gradually acquiring its own property oversease. But the rate of pursuing this policy will depend on the financial position of the country.

Pressed for an answer on the selection of delegations for official overseas tours, the minister said this is often dictated by the business and [words indistinct].

On the question of passports, Dr Chinebuah said although every citizen is entitled to have one, its acquisition must be restricted to those who would not be an embarrassment to the government. He denied that new (?operations) have been introduced; all the department is doing is enforcement of existing regulations to check abuse.

To a question by Mr (Odiesah), MP for (Asiedu Ketenke) about undue delays in the appointment of ambassadors and high commissioners, the minister said the matter is well in hand.

PAPER CRITICIZES VAGUENESS OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

AB201348 Accra Domestic Service in English 1300 GMT 20 May 80

[Excerpt] The PIONEER comments on the government's 2-year agricultural program launched last week. It points out that however good the intentions of this short-term program, the substance seems so vague that it is surprising that it took so long to leave the drawing board. The paper says it may review this opinion when it has the chance to see the booklet containing what the minister of agriculture described as the specifics of the program, which is yet to be made available to the public. The PIONEER points out that as of now, the main features of the program seem to be production targets. It is good to have production targets, says the paper, but what is more important is how to achieve these targets. The PIONEER maintains that it is possible to increase the farmer's chance of hitting the target by removing some of the constraints which hinder his aim.

GUINEA

NATIONAL COUNCIL ISSUES RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING SEKOU TOURE

AB212045 Conakry Domestic Service in French 1245 GMT 21 May 80

[Excerpts] The 45th session of the National Council of the Revolution which began on Monday, 19 May, 1980 ended its deliberations on Tuesday 20 May, at 1530, in the 28 September Hall of the Palais du Peuple. One will still recall that during the opening session, which was presided over by the secretary general of the Guinean Democratic Party, Comrade Ahmed Sekou Toure, the session set up two grand working commissions. After the adjourning of the first plenary session, these two commissions worked hard on the issues on the agenda. On Tuesday 20 May, at 1030, the 45th session discussed and adopted the two resolutions proposed by the two commissions.

Considering that the numerous and brilliant victories of our popular revolution at African and international levels make imperialists and their offspring more covetous and they resort to all means to liquidate our democratic and popular regime.

Considering that the criminal acts of the enemies of the class are both aimed at murdering the undefeatable Guinean revolution and at cooling off the revolutionary production impulse and the dynamic progress of our country's economic development.

Considering that the 14 May attempt falls within the framework of a vast plot devised to liquidate our popular revolution, the vanguard of the African democratic revolution.

Considering that the secretary general of the PDG, supreme leader of the revolution, Comrade Ahmed Sekou Toure, is and remains the true symbol of defender of the supreme interests of Africa and the Third World, the most eloquent example of faithfulness to the people, of courageous and persevering combatant.

The National Council of the Revolution calls on the different sections of the party-state at all levels to increase alertness and firmness in order to unmask and once more crush the enemy internally and externally. It calls on cadres and militants at all levels to become more vigilant in the work mystique and in the vigorous and planned process of production, in particular in the sphere of agriculture and animal husbandry, which are the prerequisites of good commercialization, which must be the second move made by the people in response to the criminal acts of imperialism and its allies.

The National Council of the Revolution reaffirmed its total confidence and trust in the leader of the party-state, President Ahmed Sekou Toure [applause and slogans] and assures him of the unconditional and determined truthfulness of the Guinean militant people, who--as on 26 September 1958 and on 22 November, 1970--stand up like one single person to say no to imperialism, no to neocolonialism, no to treason, no to laziness so that the revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea and its guide, Ahmed Sekou Toure may live long. [applause and slogans]

In addition to the two resolutions touching on issues of its agenda, the 45th session of the National Council of the Revolution has adopted another important document entitled: Declaration of the 45th Session of the National Council on the Events of the Night of 14 May 1980. The following is the third resolution read by Comrade Seydou Keita, member of the Central Committee and governor of the administrative region of Telimele.

[Begin Keita recording] Declaration of the 45th session of the National Council of the Revolution on the events of the night of 14 May, 1980. Comrade secretary general of the PDG, supreme leader of the revolution, comrade members of the National Directorate of the Party-State, comrade cadres of the PDG.

The militant people of Guinea have won so many brilliant victories, the great vanguard revolution of Guinea has achieved so much progress, the Guinean revolutionary people and their party the PDG, have won honor and glory. This highlights the crucial role played by the Guinean party-state under the thoughtful and clairvoyant leadership of Comrade Ahmed Sekou Toure in the efficient and effective struggle for the liberation of Africa and in the definition of an authentic African nationalism and ideology full of teachings. The obviously positive results of the immortal work of our dear president cannot leave even the most inhuman [words indistinct] unmoved. This 33rd anniversary of the party [words indistinct] is a merry opportunity for the friends of the PDG to hail and congratulate the (?leaders) of the PDG, and for the enemies of the party to attempt their (?criminal) and reprehensible acts in the open and fortunately in vain. If that is their logic, ours is to respond vigorously and rigoursly to the terrorist act. Thank God. We thank him for keeping away from us this act which would have led us into mourning, and which will remain unforgotten.

It was a disgraceful act, an abominable and cruel attempt. We can remember the deadly explosion among the crowd and in the presidential section of the immense People's Palace, which was full because of the cultural night on the occasion of the anniversary of the great PDG. There was such a flood of people. All the people of Conakry, the diplomatic corps and honored guests, all caires of the party-state from all levels and sectors were present. Who was the target? Who was spread in this human bloodshed? The act is sordid, shocking, unworthy indeed.

In the face of this situation, and for the present PDG meeting, it is high time now to make only useful, constructive and concrete moves. An African saying states that when the panther is nearing death, it attacks the herd in broad daylight. The National Council of the Revolution, CNR, therefore believes that we are now living through the very last moment of the counterrevolution, which we will eagerly bury once and for all. Therefore, we will have to close ranks, reduce the circle and leave no place untouched in order to be able to easily eradicate all hidden evils. The purge of the party-state has become more necessary than ever. It is indispensable. We are not going to trust the forces of evil. Instead, we are going to fight the causes and their origin so that the evil will be easily eradicated. We have to increase vigilance around our precious head of state as well as inside and around our country without letting the enemies jeopardize our important achievements.

Because the CNR is aware that, as our great Comrade President Sekou Toure has always said, revolution always goes hand in hand with counterrevolution and fosters it, and knowing also that our enemies are not pleased by the many victories our dear president has achieved in all fields and everywhere on this continent for the well being of the people of Guinea and of Africa as a whole, the CNR strongly recommends that from now on everyone be aware of the criminal deeds of unrepentant imperialism and its puppets, whose sole aim is to divert us from our goals of integral and global development in our country in order to drag us into a psychosis of permanent conflict. Of course, it is through acts of vigilance and production that we should answer these enemies, who are already blinded by the ever growing fame of our revolution. The analyses of our great comrade, which have always proved correct, will serve as our guideline in our evaluation of our problems and the type of organization to set up. As for production, which constitutes the cornerstone of our protection, the 45th session of the CNR unanimously recognizes that our total victory over the hostile forces depends on it. The success of our agricultural campaigns and the implementation of the Konkoure Dam, remain sources of anger to our foes. Therefore the CNR asks the people of Guinea to safeguard the achievements of 33 years of militant life and 22 years of national and international sovereignty. The 45th session of the CNR strongly condemns that perfidy of traitors in the pay of imperialism. It demands that a commission of inquiry be set up immediately in order to clear up the entire situation, that this commission start working immediately, and that the inquiry be directed at all levels in order to expose all those directly or indirectly involved in the act and that they be punished according to the level of their action.

I would like to express my thanks to all statesmen and great personalities who assured us of their sympathy and comfort, thus showing that the revolution is never isolated. [applause]

The CNR calls on all PDG militants to be constantly vigilant in order to assure the national leadership of the party-state and particularly the high leader of the revolution that no force in the world can stop the march of the Guinean revolution and that the sordid coup of 14 May, far from discouraging the people, has instead stimulated them and renewed their allegiance to the revolution. [applause] The CNE would also like to extend to the people of Guinea, to the national leadership of the party, to the families of the 14 May victims and to the high leader of the revolution, in this moment of great ordeal and emotion, its militant feelings of profound sorrow. Lastly, the CNR reaffirms its eternal, real and total fidelity, its militant, indestructible loyalty and its unconditional and untyring attachment to the august person of President Ahmed Sekou Toure [applause] to whom it extends its wish for long life and great health. Long live the PDG! Long live Comrade Sekou Toure! Ready for the revolution! [applause]

FORMER MINISTER REINSTATED IN POST, POLITICAL BUREAU

AB221150 Paris AFP in French 0909 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Paris, 22 May (AFP)--Mr Toumany Sangare was rehabilitated yesterday by the National Council of the Revolution and is resuming his functions as the minister of posts and telecommunications, it was announced in Paris today by the Guinean Embassy in France. Mr Sangare once again becomes a member of the Guinean Political Bureau, the embassy stated, thereby denying certain allegations by the press that Mr Sangare was arrested the day following the attempt on the life of President Sekou Toure on 14 May. The embassy stated further that the allegations that General Lansana had been arrested under similar conditions were baseless. Toumany Sangare was relieved of all ministerial and political duties on 1 May.

LIBERIA

MINISTER SAYS LIBERIA NOT INVITED TO ECOWAS SUMMIT

AB221625 Paris AFP in French 1126 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Monrovia, 22 May (AFP)--Liberia was not invited to the ECOWAS ministers of defense meeting which was held in Lome on Tuesday, stated the Liberian minister of defense, Mr Samuel Pearson, in an interview he accorded on Wednesday to the Liberian press agency, LINA. The minister, LINA points out, said he received a telegram on 14 May inviting him to a meeting of defense ministers beginning on 12 May. Considering that this invitation arrived 2 days late, I informed the ECOWAS secretariat that we would be unable to attend the meeting especially since there was no agenda and I did not know what we were going to discuss there, he added.

The minister, writes the Liberian news agency, stated that Liberia would attend future summits of the ECOWAS defense community and said he was in favor of theidea of an ECOWAS defense pact which he said would help reduce tension in the region and create an atmosphere of confidence between the member states.

DOE DENIES PLANS TO NATIONALIZE BUSINESSES

AB221827 Monrovia Radio ELWA in English 1755 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Liberia has assured the business community that it has no intention of nationalizing business establishments in the country.

The head of state, M Sgt Sameul K. Doe, gave the assurance today when he addressed the Lebanese business community at the executive mansion. He told the Lebanese that the government will not prevent them from operating freely any form of enterprise once it met government standards and helped to fulfill the goals of the revolution.

Master Sergeant Doe said the PRC [People's Redemption Council] government was striving to build a new society where the business community would have greater opportunity to expand and improve their enterprises. The head of state told businessmen that government was interested in their opening new business to create greater employment opportunities for Liberians. He, however, cautioned them to be fair with their customers. He said government will not permit increase in prices [word indistinct] nor will it allow cheating from the business community. The Lebanese pledged to continue to play a meaningful role to provide a better welfare for the Liberian people. They said as guests of the country they will live up to the requirements of their status. They said they were in Liberia to do business and eventually promote the welfare of the country.

ARMY TO RECRUIT 3,000 ADDITIONAL TROOPS IN 1980

AB221533 Paris AFP in French 1131 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Monrovia, 22 May (AFP)--The Liberian Army will recruit some 3,000 additional troops before the end of the year. This was announced by the deputy chief of staff, Col Peter T. Solo. The colonel, who gave this information on Wednesday to the Liberian national news agency, LINA, explained that already 400 veterans believed to be in good physical shape had been reenlisted, and that 550 recruits were now attending a 3-month training course. The Liberian Army comprises approximately 5,000 men.

Meanwhile, observers believe that maintaining discipline in the army seems to remain a problem among the troops. As a matter of fact, the commanding general of the armed forces, Gen Thomas Quiwonkpa, announced last Tuesday that nine soldiers would be sent to the Belle Yella jailhouse in the north of the country for having molested civilians. Among the nine men, there are a lieutenant, two sergeants and a corporal. The general, who expressed concern over the number of complaints from civilians--both Liberians and foreign residents--about the behavior of soldiers toward them, pointed out that similar sentences would be meted out to any soldier or staff member of the police found molesting civilians. Four looters including three soldiers were executed on 17 April last, but according to General Quiwonkpa, this example has proved insufficient. The head of state went to the Monrovia military camp on Wednesday, where he mentioned this problem in a very firm speech. He stated that those members of the army found guilty of such antirevolutionary practices would not live long enough to be able to talk about them.

MALI

SOVIET AMBASSADOR TRANSMITS BREZHNEV MESSAGE TO TRAORE

AB221445 Bamako Domestic Service in French 1300 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] At 0900 today the president of the republic and secretary general of the party, UDPM, received His Excellency Malik Fazylov, the extraordinary and plenipotentiary ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. The Soviet diplomat was bearing a message from Leonid Brezhnev to President Moussa Traore. The remarkable progress recorded by African national liberation movements these last years, particularly recent events in Zimbabwe, the implementation of the historic declaration on the granting of independence to colonized countries and people which the United Nations adopted in 1964 at the initiative of the Soviet Union indicate the particularly important role African countries must play for the achievement of international detente and the safeguarding of world peace and security. These two points were the main items contained in the message. The two parties also discussed the cooperation between the Soviet Union and the Republic of Mali. The audience was also attended by Mr Boubacar Toure, the permanent secretary to the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

NIGERIA

PRICE OF OIL RAISED BY 2 DOLLARS PER BARREL

AB221803 Paris AFP in English 1741 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] London, 22 May (AFP)--Nigeria today raised the price of its oil by two dollars a barrel, oil sources here said, adding that clients were advised by telex. This means that of the main producers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) only Iran has not increased its prices since Saudi Arabia led the way a week ago.

In addition, Britain and Norway are expected soon to raise their prices normally aligned on Nigerian prices.

The British National Oil Corporation had already warned its clients on Tuesday that it planned to raise its prices backdated to May 20.

TOGO

ECOWAS DEFENSE MINISTERS FAIL TO AGREE ON DEFENSE PACT

AB221808 Paris AFP in English 1643 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Lome, May 22 (AFP)--Defence ministers of the 16-state Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) failed today to agree upon a proposed defence pact. The ministers, meeting here since Tuesday, will now submit to next week's ECOWAS summit conference the original text drawn up at last years summit in Dakar for the heads of state to take a decision, a source close to the delegates said.

The original document, which envisaged creation of a joint defence organisation and command, embraces texts from Togolese President Gnassingbe Eyadema and Senegalese President Leopold Sedar Senghor. Thirteen ECOWAS member countries, including Senegal, Togo, Nigeria, Guinea, Ghana and Niger, supported the idea of a pact but three objected to the document the sources said. The three were not entirely opposed to the project, but indicated sufficient reserve to prevent drawing up of a precise plan, the source added. Observers here believed that the dissenting states included Mali and Benin. Malian President Moussa Traore voiced disapproval after the Dakar summit, saying that his country would refuse to commit its security forces to protect colonial interests, whatever they may be.

The defence ministers meeting, attended also by ECOWAS finance and foreign ministers, continued into this afternoon, overrunning its schedule by more than 12 hours.

The council of ministers later began a preparatory meeting for the fifth summit conference due to open on Tuesday. The conference is expected to be attended by some ten of the 16 heads of state. Business is expected to include customs tariffs and the free movement of people and goods between member states, telecommunications, and cooperation between ECOWAS and the African Development Bank (ADB), as well as the defence pact.

BRIEFS

UNDP LOAN TO GHANA--Accra, 19 May (AFP)--The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is to loan Ghana 24.7 million cedis (about 10 million dollars) under a five-year technical assistance programme, it was learnt here today. The loan will be used to develop traditional fishing, telecommunications, civil aviation and the construction of small local dams in northern Ghana. [Text] [Paris AFP in English 1813 GMT 19 May 80 AB]

ANGOLA

YUGOSLAV AGRICULTURE MINISTER ARRIVES IN LUANDA

AB221220 Luanda Domestic Service in French 1100 GMT 22 May 80

[Text] Milovan Zidar, agriculture minister of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, arrived in Luanda yesterday for a working visit of some days in Angola. On arrival the head of the Yugoslav delegation declared that his visit to Angola fell within the framework of the development of our two countries' economies, particularly in the field of agriculture, and that he had come to discuss with Angolan officials ways of improving cooperation between our two countries. The Yugoslav agriculture minister and his entourage were welcomed at the 4 February International Airport by the Angolan agriculture minister, Manuel Pedro Pacavira, member of the MPLA Workers Party Central Committee.

ARMY DELEGATION LEAVES FOR TALKS IN MOSCOW

LD221338 Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0530 GMT 22 May 80 EA

[Text] A delegation of the People's Armed Forces for the Liberation of Angola [FAPLA] left Luanda yesterday for Moscow for talks with leaders of the Soviet Armed Forces. The talks will be within the framework of the exchange of ideas existing between the political directorates of the two armed forces.

The FAPLA delegation is led by National Deputy Political Commissar Lt Col (Baningo Lovinda Lopes Imbo) and includes officers of the political directorate of our armed forces.

SOUTH AFRICA

'UNREST' REPORTED AMONG BLACKS IN BLOEMFONTEIN

LD212252 Johannesburg International Service in English 2100 GMT 21 May 80

[Text] Unrest has broken out in the black residential areas of Bloemfontein, in central South Africa. A police spokesman in Pretoria said unrest had occurred since early this morning in areas where pupils have been boycotting schools. Buses, police vehicles and vehicles of the administrative board were stoned. An unidentified black man sustained bullet wounds in the leg but the spokesman said he was assured that no policeman fired a single shot today. The police are watching the situation and are ready to protect lives and property.

The police in Port Elizabeth say they are aware of elements trying to incite residents of black townships in the city and the police are ready for any eventuality.

ZIMBABWE

MUGABE URGES WHITE FARMERS TO STAY, HELP DEVELOP NATION

LD201352 Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 19 May 80 CA

[Text] The prime minister, Comrade Mugabe, today urged white farmers to stay in Zimbabwe and help in the development of the country. Speaking to about 300 farmers at a meeting in Salisbury today, the prime minister said his government will pay full and fair compensation for any land nationalized to accomodate the thousands of displaced people. Comrade Mugabe later listened to grievances from the farmers and assured them that the government will crack down on stock thieves and anyone suspected of pillaging crops.